

SIMPLE WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER

- 1. Regularly check hoses, faucets, and toilets for leaks.**
- 2. Only use washing machine and dishwasher with a full load.**
(Depending on the specific model and year of manufacture, a washing machine can use 20 to 40 gallons of water per load, a dishwasher uses 4 to 6 gallons per load)
- 3. Don't leave faucet on when brushing your teeth or shaving.**
(If you leave water running, it will waste 4 to 6 gallons of water. Assuming you brush twice daily, that's 240 to 360 gallons of water lost each month)
- 4. Take shorter showers.**
(Studies show that most U.S. adults spend just over 10 minutes in the shower. Of course, some people spend 20 minutes or longer in the shower. A 5 minute shower averages 20 to 25 gallons of water)
- 5. Install water-saving showerheads and faucet (tap) aerators.**
- 6. Consider a shower versus a bath.**
(A full bathtub can require up to 70 gallons of water, while taking a 5 minute shower uses only 20 to 25 gallons of water)
- 7. Next time your car needs washing, a garden hose has an average flow rate of 10 to 20 gallons of water per minute, if you wash your car for 20 minutes, that's 200 to 400 gallons of water used.**
- 8. Water lawn and flowers in early morning or late evening.**
(This reduces the amount evaporated, allowing the soil and grass to absorb more water. Add mulch to your garden, mulch helps prevent evaporation, and helps the plants to hold their moisture)
- 9. Install a dual flush or low flow toilet or put a conversion kit on your existing toilet.**
(Older toilets use anywhere from 5 – 7 gallons of water per flush. If you flush 10 times a day, that's up to 70 gallons of water per day from your toilet alone. Installing a high-efficiency toilet cuts this water use down to 1.28 gallons or less per flush)
- 10. Use a pan of water when cleaning vegetables instead of running water.**
- 11. Soak pots and pans in water. Don't let water run while scraping them clean.**
- 12. Use the garbage disposal sparingly, garbage disposals use a lot of water.**