

Water Conservation Makes Sense and Saves Cents!

If a toilet is from 1992 or earlier, it is probably an inefficient model that uses between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. Some newer toilets use less than 1.28 gallons of water per flush. With a lower consumption toilet, there is a savings of from 2.22 to 5.72 gallons of water per flush. A new toilet could be a great savings to your water consumption and to your utility bill.

A leaking toilet can waste 200 gallons of water in a 24-hour period; a running toilet can waste 2 gallons of water per minute, and as much as 90,000 gallons per month! To check whether your toilet is leaking, place a drop of food coloring (or a dye tablet available from the Town Utility Department) into the tank. If the color shows in the bowl without flushing, the toilet leaks.



A traditional washing machine uses between 27 and 54 gallons of water per load. New, high-efficiency washing machines (front or top-loading, non-agitator style) use less than 27 gallons per load.

A leaking faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. In turn, the average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of 2 gallons per minute. By turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, a savings of up to 8 gallons of water per day, or 240 gallons per month (assuming twice daily brushing) can be attained.



This may seem impossible to comprehend, since it seems like **dishwashers** are constantly spraying **water**, but a newer one **does use less water than hand washing**. Getting them clean by hand washing the sink can **use up** to 27 gallons of **water** per load. An Energy Star certified **dishwasher** can **save** almost 5,000 gallons of **water** per year. Not rinsing dishes prior to loading the dishwasher could save up to 10 gallons of water per load.

When outdoor watering, remember, a 3/4" garden hose can use 480 gallons of water per hour. If you water for one hour, three times a week, that could equal almost 6,000 gallons of water per month. Use a hose equipped with a spray nozzle or an automatic sprinkler system to save water.



A full bath tub can use about 70 gallons water, while taking a five-minute shower only uses 10 to 25 gallons.

Please utilize these tips to conserve water.

When you know better, you can do better!