

UPGRADE AND SAVE

- Replace older toilets with low flow models.
- Replace washing machines with water efficient models.
- Repair or replace broken sprinkler heads and valves.
- Install water saving fixtures.

For More Information

DE Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
www.dnrec.delaware.gov

PA Department of Environmental Protection
www.depweb.state.pa.us

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/watersense

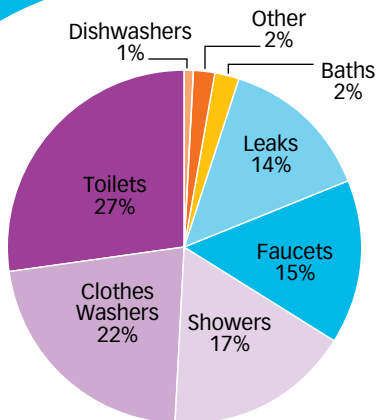
American Water Works Association
www.awwa.org

United Water
www.unitedwater.com

WATER USE STATISTICS

Total Daily Use

Source: drinktap.org



EPA
WaterSense

Look for the WaterSense label to choose quality, water-efficient products. The label means the product meets the United States Environmental Protection Agency's specifications for performance. United Water is a partner in the EPA WaterSense program that makes it easy for Americans to save water and protect the environment. For more information please visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

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USE WATER WISELY

A Guide to Water Conservation





CONSERVATION INSPIRATION

Water is a precious natural resource and we encourage our customers to use it wisely. If you don't conserve, you're pouring water — and money — down the drain. You can significantly reduce your water consumption by taking just a few simple steps both inside and outside your home. There are many ways to save — so tighten those taps, discontinue those drips and use water wisely!

Seek Leaks

Check for leaking faucets, leaking irrigation systems and leaking toilets. To check for a leaky toilet, drop a dozen drops of food coloring into the tank. Do not flush for 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl during that time, you have a leak that needs to be repaired.



Slow the Flow Inside

- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- Use a partially filled sink to rinse your razor.
- Take short showers or a shallow bath.
- Chill tap water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Run the washing machine and the dishwasher only with full loads.

Save Water, Save Energy

The average American household spends as much as \$500 per year on its water and sewer bills. According to the EPA, a few simple changes to use water more efficiently could save you about \$170 per year. Producing drinking water takes a lot of energy — so does heating your water. Running your faucet for five minutes uses about as much energy as running a 60-watt light bulb for 14 hours. We could cut 80,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions if one out of every 100 American homes retrofitted with water-efficient fixtures.



BE WATER WISE

Water-efficient or xeriscape landscaping enhances the beauty of your yard while conserving water. This incorporates seven principals: planning and design, soil preparation, selecting plants suited to the soil and climate, creating practical turf areas, using mulches, irrigating efficiently and performing proper maintenance. Water-efficient gardening can translate into substantial savings during summer months when water consumption increases by up to 50 percent.

Save Outside

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clear debris from sidewalks.
- Set your lawn mower one notch higher. Longer grass allows less evaporation.
- Sprinkle the lawn, not the pavement.
- Water the lawn only when needed. To reduce evaporation, water in the cool morning hours and avoid watering on windy days.
- Make sure your hose has a shut-off nozzle.
- Cover your pool to reduce evaporation.
- Wash your car with soap and water from a bucket.