

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.

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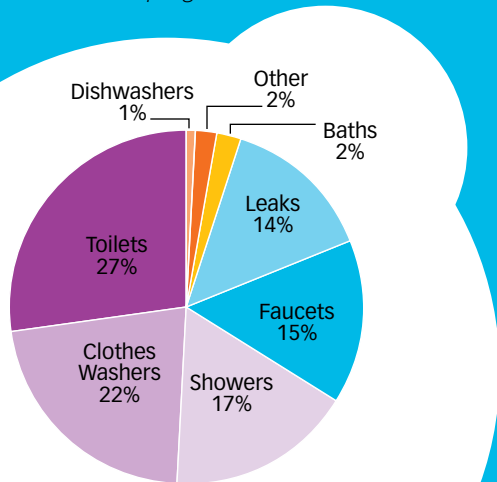
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USE WATER WISELY

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. You may want to consider this when planning your landscaping and gardening for next summer.

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.