

# 24 SIMPLE WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER

Do Your Part. Be Water Smart

## 12 Ways You Can Conserve Water Indoors:

### Bathroom

1. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and/or shaving.
2. Replace your shower head with a water-efficient/low-flow shower head.
3. Install a high-efficiency toilet. (Free low-flow toilets available. Some restrictions apply.)
4. Install aerators on bathroom faucets.
5. Do NOT use the toilet as a wastebasket.

### Kitchen

6. When washing dishes by hand, do NOT let the water run while rinsing. If you have two wash basins, fill one side with wash water and the other with rinse water.
7. Run your dishwasher ONLY when it is full to save water & energy.
8. Install a water- and energy-efficient dishwasher.
9. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead.
10. Install aerators on the kitchen faucet to reduce flows to less than 1 Gallon Per Minute (GPM).

### Laundry Room

11. Use the washing machine for full loads ONLY to save water & energy.
12. Install a water-efficient clothes washer. (Rebates available!)

## 12 Ways You Can Conserve Water Outdoors:

### Landscape

1. Water your lawn ONLY when it needs it. Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter to minimize evaporation.
2. Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so ONLY your lawn is watered and NOT the house, sidewalk, street, etc.
3. Choose a water-efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
4. Direct downspouts towards shrubs and trees, or collect and use for your garden.
5. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool. Organic mulch also improves the soil and prevents weeds.
6. Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light, and water.
7. Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.
8. Plant drought-resistant trees and plants. (Rebates available when replacing grass with water wise plants!)
9. For hanging baskets, planters and pots, place ice cubes under the moss or dirt to water and help eliminate overflow.
10. Only water plants when necessary, because more plants die from over-watering than from under-watering.

### Cleanup

11. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, walkways, and patios.
12. Wash cars/boats with a bucket, sponge, and hose with self-closing nozzle.