

Indoor Tips

Bathroom

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or shave and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
- If your shower can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, then replace it with a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save your family more than 500 gallons a week. See Drip Calculator (link to <http://www.awwa.org/advocacy/learn/conserves/dripcalc.cfm>)
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- Install low-volume toilets.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. Do not flush for 30 minutes. If color seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. It's easy to fix, and you can save more than 600 gallons a month.
- Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- Install a low flow aerator on your bathroom faucet if the rate is more than one-half gallon per minute. See Drip Calculator (link to <http://www.awwa.org/advocacy/learn/conserves/dripcalc.cfm>)
- Consider replacing your toilet with one that uses 1.6 gallons per flush. Toilets installed before 1994 use between 3.5 and 6 gallons per flush.

Kitchen

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead and save gallons every time.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks, so that every drop goes down you not the drain.
- Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
- Install an aerator on your kitchen faucet
- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full and you could save 1000 gallons a month.

Laundry

- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full and you could save 1000 gallons a month.
- If you can't run a full load, match the water level to the size of the load.
- Check hoses and connectors for leaks.
- When you shop for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load size adjustments. They are more water and energy-efficient than older appliances.