

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FOR INDOORS

LEAKS

- A slow drip can add up to 15-20 gallons per day.
- Leaks on faucets are usually due to worn washers or "o" rings.
- Leaks for toilets are usually due to a worn flapper. A leaky toilet can be determined by either hearing the toilet run or by adding a food dye in the back of the tank. If the dye ends up in the bowl the flapper is worn and needs to be replaced.

BATHROOM

- The bathroom is the area of greatest water use inside; the toilet is responsible for 40% of total indoor use, and bathing is responsible for 30% of total indoor use
- Install a low-flow toilet. Older toilets use between 5 to 7 gallons per flush; while low-flow toilets use 1.5 gallons or less per flush.
- For older toilets, to reduce the amount of water used per flush put a filled plastic container (or even rocks) in the back of the tank. Don't use a brick, they decompose and can stain your toilet.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Install a low-flow showerhead. Older showerheads can use 5 to 10 gallons per minute, while a low-flow showerhead uses 2.5 gallons or less per minute.
- Shorten your showers or turn off the water while soaping.
- Install high-efficiency, low-flow aerators both in the bathroom and in the kitchen. Aerators mix air with water from the faucet, thus cutting down the flow of water.
- Turn off the sink faucet while shaving or brushing your teeth.

KITCHEN AND WASHING MACHINE

- Load the dishwasher and the clothes washer to capacity. Also use them during non-peak hours.
- Low-flow dishwashers and clothes washers are available on the market.
- Use less water when cooking by keeping lids on pans.
- Don't use running water to defrost food or wash vegetables. Instead, plug the drain or use a pan of water to defrost or clean food.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly.
- In the summer keep bottled water in the refrigerator rather than running the faucet to get cold water.

OTHER

- By insulating the hot water pipe it reduces the time for getting hot water.
- You can use recycled water (without chemicals) on your houseplants.

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