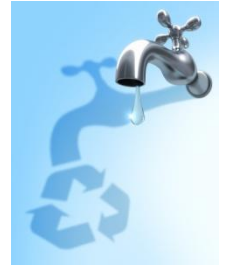




There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you.



GENERAL TIPS

- **Monitor your water bill** for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- **Stop the leaks.** Inside or outside, faucets drip if they're not tightened properly. If tightening a faucet doesn't stop the drip, you'll probably have to replace an old washer.
- **If you suspect you have a water leak.** Some water meters have a triangular dial beside the numbers that record the volume of water used. This dial turns when water is running through the meter. If the dial is moving while there is no water being used in the house, there is a water leak somewhere. Other meters are digital and require the resident to shine a flashlight onto the meter to turn the digital display on. If there is a leak, it will show a flow rate greater than zero when there is no known water use.

KITCHEN TIPS

- **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.
- **Soak pots and pans** before washing.
- **Keep cool water in the fridge** so that you do not need to run water down the sink to have a cold drink.
- **Fill the sink or a bowl with water** to wash fruits and vegetables. Re-use the water to water your house plants.
- **Wash only** full loads in the dishwasher.

BATHROOM TIPS

- **Take shorter showers ...**Get in. Soap up. Get out.
- **Carefully consider the bathroom.** Stop running the water while you brush your teeth, for example, just to rinse the toothbrush. The same method can be used for shaving and for washing hands.
- Use a high efficiency showerhead



LAUNDRY TIPS

- **Wash only full loads** in the clothes washer.
- **When buying a new clothes washer**, consider purchasing a water-saving model. New horizontal axis models can save up to 40 percent of the water used by a conventional model.

Typical Water Use in the Home

