**Kitchen**

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- Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Now, Energy Star dishwashers save even more water and energy.

- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.

- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day, or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.

- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste and save gallons every time.

- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

- Don't use running water to thaw food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator.

- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.

- Cook food in as little water as possible. This also helps it retain more nutrients.

- If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

- Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables. Use it to water house plants.

**General**

- Teach children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.

- When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it most.

- Play fun games while learning how to save water.

- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.

- Learn how to use your water meter to check for leaks.

- Avoid recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water.

- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.

- Be a leak detective! Check all hoses, connectors, and faucets regularly for leaks.

**Thank You**

Saving water starts with you. Examine how you use water, and follow a few tips. First of all, any water that drops down the drain is a waste. For example, waiting until the water is hot to wash your hands. Plug the drain and save the water.
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Laundry Room

- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves water and energy, and helps your clothes retain their color.

- If clothing is not smelly or dirty ware another time before washing. Saves garment ware and water.

- Have a plumber re-route your grey water to trees and plants rather than the sewer line. Check with your city and county for codes.

- If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a WaterSense® labeled model.

- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.

- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons per month.

- Toilet leaks can be silent! Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year.

- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, there's a leak. Fix it and start saving gallons.

- When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills.

- If your toilet flapper doesn't close properly after flushing, replace it.

- Use a WaterSense® labeled showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four.

- Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor and save up to 300 gallons a month.

- Turn off the water while washing your hair and save up to 150 gallons a month.

- When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.

- Install water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.

- Drop tissues in the trash instead of flushing them and save water every time.

- One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day! Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks.

- While you wait for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.

Bathroom

Garden and Landscaping

- Pull all weeds they take water from the plants you want to water.

- Mulch and cover with tarps (not plastic) to keep the water in.

- Cover walkways in gardens with tarps or heavy layer of hay and keep the water in.

- Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while under watering others.

- Reduce the amount of lawn in your yard by planting shrubs and ground covers appropriate to your site and region.

- Plant species native to your region.

- Plant in the spring and fall, when the watering requirements are lower.

- Avoid planting grass in areas that are hard to water, such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.

- Start a compost pile. Using compost in your garden or flower beds adds water-holding organic matter to the soil.

- Collect water from your roof by installing gutters and downspouts. Direct the runoff to plants and trees.

- Use automatic watering system that waters at night.

- Water for two or three times at night.

- Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture