

Water Conservation Tips

Why I should Conserve Water?

- Conserving water will increase the likelihood that adequate water will be available during drought conditions.
- Water demands will continue to increase as population growth occurs.
- Conserving water will allow you to pay a lower water and sewer bill.
- Conserving water will delay expansion of the water system which will help keep water rates down.
- Conserving water will also delay expansion of the wastewater facilities which will help keep sewer rates down.
- It is the right thing to do.

 <p>A faucet leaking at the rate of just 3 drops / second adds up to a whopping 3,285 gallons of water a year, enough to fill a normal bathroom to ceiling level. If the leak in this example were hot water, not only would the water have been wasted but also the energy used to heat the water and the money used to pay for the energy – all down the drain.</p>	 <p>Allowing water to run while not actually being used, for instance when brushing teeth or shaving, can be very wasteful. Turning off the water at those times can conserve as much as six gallons a day or more than 2,000 gallons a year.</p>	 <p>A leaky toilet can account for a large percentage of household water loss. Very often this leakage may be due to a worn flapper valve that can be quickly replaced at minimal cost.</p>
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Tips for Conserving Water

- Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving.
- Only run washing machines and dishwashers when you have a full load.
- When washing dishes by hand, only run the faucet when you rinse a dish or pan or use a pan of water to rinse dishes.
- Keep a jug of water in your refrigerator so you don't have to run your cold water until the water cools.
- Turn shower off while soaping up.
- Reduce the level of water in your bath.
- Repair leaky toilets, faucets, hoses and pipes.
- Minimize detergent use and soak pots and pans before washing by hand.
- Use low water consumption shower heads and toilets.
- Don't water lawns or shrubs during daytime hours in the summer when evaporation rates are the highest.
- Water lawns only when grass begins to show signs of stress.
- Don't water the pavement or use a hose to wash the driveway or sidewalks.
- It has been reported that U.S. citizens on average use about 144 gallons of water / day.