

# INDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

There are many ways to conserve around your home & business

## Shower

- Install a low-flow shower head. This allows you to stay in the shower just as long using less water. Look for a model with 2 gallons per minute or less. Standard units use 2.5 gallons per minute.
- Place a bucket in the shower to capture water as it warms up. Use this water outside or to fill your toilet tank. You can also install a tankless water heater.
- Shorten your shower. Five minutes or less is a good rule of thumb.
- If you are taking a bath, only fill it half way.



## Sinks

- Install aerators on your faucets to spread the flow of water.
- Make sure your sink isn't leaking. Small drips add up.
- Turn your sink off when you brush your teeth and lather your hands.
- Fill your sink part way if you're rinsing dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.

## Washing machine

- Upgrade to a WaterSense/Energy Star model.
- Wash only full loads.
- Run the wash on cool or cold. There are even some detergents specialized for this.

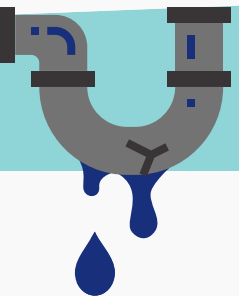


## Toilet

- Install a high-efficiency toilet. That means 1.28 gallons per flush or less.
- Dual flush toilets also save water.
- If you hear your toilet running, it may be leaking. Place 5-10 drops of food coloring in the tank and wait 5 minutes. If the water in the bowl has changed colors, you have a leak.
- Make sure that the parts inside your toilet tank are in good shape. Worn out parts can cause water loss.

## Washing dishes

- Use the same glass for water each day so you aren't washing multiple glasses.
- Try a new one-pot recipe. Cutting down on extra dishes saves water and time.
- Running a full load on your dishwasher is more efficient than using your sink.
- Soak pots and pans a bit before you scrub and run water.
- If your dishwasher does the job, no need to pre-rinse.
- If you need to rinse, fill your sink only part way before putting them in the dishwasher.



## Leaks

- Check each room of your house for leaks - kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room/garage.
- Use our step-by-step guide at [dwa.org/leaks](http://dwa.org/leaks) to check for leaks using your meter.

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