

10 Ways to Save Water



1. Don't leave the sink running while you brush your teeth.
2. Fully load the dishwasher and clothes washer before running them.
3. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run.
4. Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water each year in the average home. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons per day.
5. Install water-efficient appliances in your home. Look for appliances with the EPA *WaterSense* label (for more info, visit www.epa.gov/watersense)
6. Don't over-water your lawn—and water early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation.
7. When the driveway or sidewalk needs cleaning, consider a broom instead of a hose. It can save up to 80 gallons of water.
8. If you have a swimming pool, use a cover. You will cut the loss of water by evaporation by 90 percent.
9. Help preserve the quality of the available water supply by not overusing pesticides and fertilizers, avoiding flushing medications down the toilet or sink, and disposing of hazardous materials properly.
10. Place rain barrels beneath your downspouts. The rainwater can be used for outdoor plants and trees or to wash a car.



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For more information on your water resources and EPA's Water Sense program, visit www.drinktap.org.