



WATER CONSERVATION

While we are very fortunate to live in an area that provides an abundance of clean water, it is always a good idea to be aware of the possibility that at some point, mandatory water conservation may be needed. By doing your part in conserving, in the long run, your water source and community will benefit greatly.

Conserve and save money by utilizing one or more of the following water conservation tips:

In the Bathroom:

- Don't let the water run while shaving or brushing your teeth; turn the water on only as needed and lower the flow settings.
- Take short showers rather than baths.
- Install low-flow shower heads and water saving toilets.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket; use it only for sanitary waste; as intended.

In the Kitchen and Laundry:

- Cook smart; Peel and clean vegetables in a bowl of water rather than under running water.
- When hand washing dishes, use wash and rinse basins rather than running the water.
- When using a dishwasher, wash full loads whenever possible. Pre-rinsing dishes before loading is usually not necessary; most modern dishwashers do a great job without pre-rinsing.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons per month.
- For drinking, keep a container of water in the refrigerator; don't let the faucet run to get a glass of cold water.

Outdoors:

- Repair leaking hoses and faucets. Use a hose nozzle that can be adjusted for the task at hand.
- Instead of hosing down the sidewalks and driveway; use a broom or leaf blower to remove debris.
- Raise your lawnmower blade to at least three inches; taller grass holds moisture better.
- Call your local water company if you see a hydrant open; errant sprinklers or a broken pipe.

These are just a few of the many water conservation tips available. Go online or call us and get more ideas and tips about water conservation. By being good stewards of our environment; we will be able to have good clean water for many years to come.