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Water Saving Tips

All water customers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these simple and helpful practices and incorporate them into their seasonal property maintenance activities.

Bathrooms

- Do not let the water run while shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
- Take short showers instead of tub baths. Turn off water flow while soaping or shampooing
- If taking tub bath, close the drain before turning on the water and fill the tub half full.
- Bathe small children together
- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it – such as watering a plant or garden
- Fix leaky toilets
- Install low flow aerators and showerheads
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket

Kitchen and Laundry

- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin. Use a vegetable brush
- Do not use water to defrost frozen foods, Thaw in the refrigerator overnight
- Use a dishpan for washing and rinsing dishes
- Scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading in dishwasher
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal
- Run washing machines and dishwashers only when full
- Use water from your dehumidifier for water household plants
- Instead of waiting for tap water to get cold for drinking, fill a pitcher with tap water and keep in the refrigerator
- When waiting for water to get hot, collect it for watering plants, filling an aquarium, cleaning house, or other needs

Outside

- Sweep driveways, steps, sidewalks, etc. rather than hosing them off.
- Wash car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- When using a hose, control the flow with a automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Avoid purchasing recreational water toys which require a constant stream of water
- Lower pool water level to reduce amount of water splashed out
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation when pool is not in use
- Water early in the morning to avoid evaporation

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Equipment

- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200gallons of water per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add a couple of drops of food coloring to the tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.
- Install ultra-low flow toilets, or place a plastic container filled with water in the tank of your conventional toilet. Be sure it does not interfere with operation of the toilet's flow mechanisms
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in water and energy use
- Check your water meter – if it moves while water is not being used, there may be a leak.

Average household water use examples

<u>Item</u>	<u>Water Use</u>
Washing Machine	20-40 Gallons per load
Dishwasher	upt o 20 gallons per load if not full, if full then 6-12 gallons
Shower (5 Minutes)	25-50 Gallons
Toilet	3-7 Gallons Per Flush
Faucet	2-4 Gallons Per Minute

Where Does Your Water Go? The average American uses 60 q gallons of water every day. Efficient water conservation can reduce water use by as much as 30%

