

# WATER CONSERVATION

## *A Message from your local water district*



Think about water. It's yours for the asking, 24 hours a day. All you have to do is turn a faucet. But now think again.

The water you use doesn't come magically from nowhere. It's a carefully manufactured product – clean, safe and piped directly into your home – a valuable resource that shouldn't be wasted.

Water will recycle itself eventually come what may. But high-quality water that we need and expect in our homes is not an infinite resource. Besides, you're paying for it whether it's used or wasted. So conservation can be a solid favour to your pocketbook, too.

Water conservation is a good way of life. Let's practice it together. Here are some ways to conserve water outside and inside your home.

### WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER OUTSIDE THE HOME

#### Valves & Hoses

- ✓ Regularly check pipes, hoses, valves, and faucets for leaks.



#### Pool Care

- ✓ Use a pool cover to keep water clean and reduce evaporation. Recycle water for use on lawn or gardens.

#### Car Washing

- ✓ Use a bucket to wash your vehicle. Keep a nozzle on the hose to save water. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.



#### Mowing

- ✓ Longer grass means less evaporation. Let grass grow taller in hot, dry weather. Set the mower one notch higher.

#### Landscaping

- ✓ Drought-tolerant plants need less water. Mulch your garden to slow evaporation.



#### Lawn Care

- ✓ Deep soak your lawn weekly in the early morning or evening when the least evaporation occurs. Aerate lawns.

#### Sprinklers

- ✓ Don't water the pavement! Position sprinklers so that lawn and garden receive all the water.

#### Sidewalks & Driveways

- ✓ Use a broom instead of a water hose to clear debris from patios, driveways, and sidewalks.





## WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER INSIDE THE HOME

### Brushing Teeth

- ✓ *Don't run water while brushing. Fill a glass for rinsing.*



### Faucets

- ✓ *Repair leaky faucets and install a low-flow aerator.*

### Pipes

- ✓ *Wrap hot water pipes with insulation to avoid waiting for hot water.*

### Shaving

- ✓ *Use a partially filled sink or short blasts of water to rinse your razor.*



### Bathing

- ✓ *An average tub holds more than 50 gallons of water. Conserve water by only partially filling the tub.*

### Shower

- ✓ *Install water-saving shower heads. Turn off water while soaping up or shampooing. Take shorter showers.*



### Toilet

- ✓ *Add food coloring to the water in the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing there is a leak. Fix or replace toilet.*

### Drinking

- ✓ *Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator and use ice instead of running the tap until the water is cold.*



### Dishwasher & Washing

- ✓ *Run only full loads. Remodel with machines that use less water and are more energy efficient.*



***Water conservation is a good way of life. Remember where water comes from and where it goes. A toilet flush uses up to seven gallons, water taps run at about five gallons a minutes while waiting for hot or cold, showers use five to ten gallons a minute, and leaks can soak up hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day.***

***It isn't hard to conserve water, it doesn't change our lives drastically. It's mostly a matter of using goof common sense. Think about water – and when you do – think about conserving it.***