

Water Saving Guide

Water Saving Tip:

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Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.

5 gallons or more per meal.

Use a brush and a bowl full of water instead of running water over fruits and vegetables.

2 - 10 gallons per meal.

Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator instead of running it at the tap until it cools.

About 2 gallons per drink.

As in bathroom, install a low-flow faucet.

2.5 gallons per minute.

Run a laundry load on short cycle (7-8 gallons) rather than standard cycle (10 - 12 gallons).

3 - 4 gallons per load.

Wait until you have a full laundry load and run the washing machine only once a day.

10 - 12 gallons per each cycle not run.

Handwash items in a filled basin, not under running water.

25 gallons per load.

Install a low-flow aerator faucet to replace older models.

2.5 gallons per minute per person.

When shaving, instead of running water, use the stopper in the sink basin and fill it with water.

3 gallons per shave.

When brushing teeth, use a glassful of water instead of running water.

3 or more gallons per brushing.

Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket or ashtray. Flush only when essential.

About 12 gallons per day.

Put a water-filled plastic jug in the toilet tank, away from the working part.

2 gallons per flush.

Replace toilets with new ultra-low flush toilets, which use 1.6 gallons of water per flush rather than 6 gallons.

Almost 4 gallons per flush.

Bathe in a tub less than half filled with water.

10 - 15 gallons per bath.

Install a low-flow shower head to reduce water usage by 50 percent or more.

About 3 gallons per minute per shower.

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Wash with bucket, sponge and a hose with a shut-off valve (and reuse water for chrome, hub caps and wheels.)	85 gallons or more gallons per wash.
Use a car wash which recycles water or wash car at home.	500 gallons per wash.
Cover swimming pool to slow down the evaporation of water from it.	If average sized, the equivalent of its volume each year.
Use a broom or rake rather than a hose to remove leaves and debris from driveway, walk, patio and pool decks.	25 gallons per 5 minutes of work.
Use a nozzle which can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray.	5 gallons per minute.
Water in the evening or early morning to prevent rapid evaporation during the heat of the day.	35 gallons per one-half acre per watering which is not needed.
Unless water is rationed, deep soak garden once weekly rather than sprinkle lightly several times a week.	More than 50 gallons a week in the summer.
If you have an evaporative cooler, install a recirculating water pump on it to reduce water usage.	20 gallons or more per hour.
Insulate hot water pipes in older homes so you don't run water while waiting for it to get hot.	8 gallons or more per hour.
Choose a front-loading washing machine. They use one-third less water and two-thirds less soap than top-loading machines.	About 10 - 20 gallons per load.
Purchase washing machines with water saving features such as load size selector and variable water level control.	As much as 30 gallons per load.