

How to Save Money and Conserve Water



Indoor Savings

Water Savings in both the kitchen and bathroom:

- Installing low flow aerators on all sinks and showers has a water savings of 2.5 to 3 Gallons per minute. The key is do not let the water just run; it saves you money and water for future generations.

Kitchen:

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator. Saving 2 Gallons per drink.
- Thawing frozen food in the fridge or microwave instead of under running water is a savings of 5 Gallons each time.
- Rinse fruit and veggies in a bowl of water, save up to 10 gallons and use the water for a plant or...
- Running the dishwasher only when full is a savings of 6 Gallons for each use.
- When washing dishes by hand, do not let the water run. Use a basin for both washing and rinsing. Saving 25 gallons each time.

Bathroom:

- Do not use the toilet as a trash can; only ever flush toilet paper, a savings of 12 Gallons a day.
- The use of a low flow toilet can save 4 Gallons with every flush.
- Fill the tub half way up for a bath, a savings of 10 to 15 Gallons per bath.
- When brushing your teeth use a cup or a glass to hold the water. When shaving fill the basin with water. By doing these actions, the savings are 10 Gallons of water each time.

Laundry:

- When washing always remember to use the shorter cycle and a full load. The savings can be 10 to 20 Gallons per load.
- When hand washing remember to use a basin not running water. Saving 25 Gallons per load.



Outdoor Savings

- Water the lawn in early morning or in the evening. Saving 35 Gallons of water per 1/2 acre of yard.
- Deep soak your plants once a week instead of watering every day. Savings of 50 Gallons per week.
- Use a broom or rake to clean driveways, patios and walkways. A cost savings of 25 Gallons per 5min. of work.
- Use a car wash that recycles its water, saving 500 Gallons per wash.
- If hand washing the car, use a bucket and a hose that has a shut off nozzle. Savings of 85 Gallons/wash.
- Using a cover on the pool can save the equivalent of its volume each year.



For more water saving tips, events, and conservation, visit the Southwest Florida Water Management website at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/>