



QUICK TIPS

WATER CONSERVATION THROUGHOUT THE HOME

Conserving the amount of water used at home will not only help to keep your water bill lower, but it's also better for the environment. If you're considering a water conservation plan for your house, there are several tips and tricks you can use to reduce your water consumption. Once you make these practices a habit, you'll be surprised at just how much water you can save.

In the Kitchen

- Install a water aerator on your kitchen faucet. An aerator allows the water pressure to remain the same but can help to reduce water use by as much as one full gallon every minute.
- Keep a large pitcher of water in the refrigerator for use whenever you need cold water. This will eliminate the need to run the sink and wait for the water to get cold.

In the Bathroom

- Consider getting a low-flow shower head in your bathroom that can reduce water use every time you shower without having to sacrifice water pressure.
- Check to make sure the parts inside your toilet tank are in good shape and up to date. Worn-out fittings or chains can cause the toilet to run unnecessarily. Many new models of high-efficiency toilets work just as well without using as much water, so consider upgrading.

Other Indoor Water Conservation

- Check to make sure all of your pipes are properly insulated (find local insulation contractors).
- Look for leaks regularly throughout your home. Check under all sinks and under crawl spaces, be sure to learn how to check and read your water meter.

Saving Water Outside

- Look for drought-resistant plants that can live throughout the year. These hardy plants often rely on their own water reserves and don't need to be directly watered as often as other species.

Just for Kids

- Teach children to always turn the faucets off tightly to avoid drips and unnecessary water waste.

Resources: More questions? Please contact our Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155.

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