

Water Conservation Tips:

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- 💧 Take short showers – a 5 minutes shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- 💧 Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- 💧 Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- 💧 Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- 💧 Water plants / flowers only when necessary.
- 💧 Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- 💧 Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- 💧 Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next quarter's water bill.
- 💧 Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.