



In the Kitchen

- ❑ **Only wash full loads in your dishwasher:** Same amount of water is used – save energy & money.
- ❑ **Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator:** Thawing food by running under water is wasteful.
- ❑ **Check leaking pipes/faucets:** Small leaks can waste water over 50 gallons/day or 2,500 gallons/year.
- ❑ **Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator:** Instead of letting water run until it is cool enough to drink.
- ❑ **Scrape dishes clean instead of running them under a faucet:** Save water by changing cleaning habits.
- ❑ **Clean vegetables by washing them in a bowl of water** then reuse the water on your plants.
- ❑ **Use a sponge mop:** they use less water than string mops & require less water in a bucket.



In the Bathroom

- ❑ **Check for toilet tank leaks:** Place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the food coloring seeps into the bowl, then you have a leak, and it should be repaired immediately. A toilet leak can waste approximately 21,000 gallons of water per year.
- ❑ **Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket:** Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or a piece of trash, you waste nearly 7 gallons of water. Only flush when necessary.
- ❑ **Install low-flow showerheads:** They can save up to 3 gallons of water/minute or 4,800 gallons/year!
- ❑ **Take shorter showers:** Turn the water off while you lather up, shampoo or shave. Long showers waste up to 10 gallons/minute.
- ❑ **Rinse your razor in the sink:** Before shaving, put a small amount of water in the sink for rinsing.
- ❑ **Turn water off while brushing teeth:** Have a glass of water ready to rinse mouth/toothbrush.
- ❑ **Fill your bathtub halfway:** The average water capacity of a bathtub is 40 gallons. Filling a bathtub only halfway can save up to 7,300 gallons of water per person per year.
- ❑ **Change older toilets with new low-flow models.** Low-flow toilets use water more efficiently.
- ❑ **Don't waste cool water while waiting for hot water to arrive:** When waiting for the hot water to arrive, (E.g. dishwashing or showering) use cold water for your plants, filling up pets water bowls, or for other uses that are not sensitive to temperature.





In the Laundry Room

- ❑ **Wash only full loads in your washing machine:** It takes nearly the same amount of water to wash a half load of clothes as it does to wash a full load. Washing a half load wastes water, energy and money.



The Outdoors

- ❑ **Water your landscape during the cool part of the day:** Watering landscape during the early morning or late evening can reduce water waste. Make sure your watering schedule complies with the City's year round-out door watering schedule. As a rule of thumb, water in 10-minute cycles per station.
- ❑ **Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings:** Water running from a leaky hose creates unnecessary water waste. Leaks outside the house may not appear bad but they can be equally as wasteful as leaks inside. Frequently check these areas and keep them from dripping.
- ❑ **Water your lawn only when it is needed:** A helpful method to determine if your lawn needs water is by stepping on your lawn. If the grass blades spring back up, after you remove your foot, then water is not needed. If they do not spring back up but remain flat, then water is needed.
- ❑ **Deep soak your lawn:** Make sure you water long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots. Water will evaporate quickly when watering lightly and it tends to promote a low root system.
- ❑ **Avoid watering the curb and gutter:** Adjust your sprinklers so water lands on your lawn and garden and not on the paved areas. Avoid watering on windy days.

