

Household Water Use & Ways to Save



Install Water-Efficient Appliances & Fixtures

TOILETS

- Toilets account for approximately 24 percent of indoor water use. They also happen to be a major source of leaks and/or inefficiency.
- Over the course of your lifetime, you will likely flush the toilet nearly 140,000 times. A high-efficiency toilet can save you 4,000 gallons per year.
- A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day.
- Test toilets for leaks. Add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. If the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes, the toilet has a leak that needs to be repaired (usually the flapper or rubber washer).

SHOWERS

- A water-efficient showerhead is one of the single most effective water-saving steps you can take inside your home.
- Take shorter showers.
- A full bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water versus a 5-minute shower that uses as little as 10 gallons.

WASHING MACHINES

- High-efficiency washers use 35 to 55 percent less water and 50 percent less energy.
- They also require less detergent, rinse more thoroughly, are less abrasive on clothes, and can fit larger capacity loads in the same size drum.

DISHWASHERS

- High-efficiency dishwashers use 2.1 to 7 gallons of water per load.
- Replacing older, inefficient models can cut dishwasher water use in half.

SINKS

- Install faucet aerators on sinks for a simple, cost-effective way to save water. The faucet's efficiency can double without sacrificing performance.

