

Conservation Tips

Common Fact: Many people do not think about how much water they use until their bills arrive in the mail. By then, it's too late to consider what steps could have been taken to reduce water usage and water bills.

Follow these tips to help save & conserve our precious water:

Leaks: Determine if there is a leak at your property. Read your meter after your last use for the evening and note the position of the sweep hand. Before using any water the next morning, read your meter again. If the reading is different from the previous evening **OR** the sweep hand has moved, you have a leak.

Check toilets for leaks: Put a "leak detector" dye tablet or simply use food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color or dye appears in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak that should be repaired as soon as possible.

Check faucets and pipes for leaks: Leaks waste water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when unattended. Even the smallest drip from a worn washer can waste 20 gallons or more per day.

Install water saving shower heads and fixtures: Many local hardware stores carry inexpensive devices designed to help save water and are very easy to install.

In the kitchen and laundry: Use your automatic appliances only for full loads. Your dishwasher and washing machine use the same amount of water regardless of whether they are half full or completely full! Wash all you can at once.

Food Preparation: Don't let the faucet run while you clean meat or vegetables. Rinse the food in a stoppered sink or in a pan of cold, clean water.

Drinking Water: Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running tap water until it is cool enough to drink is wasteful.

Outdoors: Water your lawn only when it needs it. A simple "step test" will tell you if your lawn needs water. If the grass springs back up when you step away, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, go for the sprinkler. An occasional deep soak will do more good than frequent light sprinklings, which can evaporate quickly.

Of course, if you have any questions about saving tips or reading your meter, please feel free to contact the office. Thank you for your help.

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