



Indoor Water Conservation

Have you ever wondered how much water the average American family uses indoors every day? More than 210 gallons of water per day ~ and that's just on the inside!

Consider all the water on Earth » less than 1 percent is available for human use. The balance left is salt water, polar ice caps, or inaccessible.

All of the water found on Earth today is the same amount that was here thousands of years ago.

So why should we conserve water indoors?

Because it's easy. The whole family can participate, it saves money, and conserves water for the next generation.

Saving water indoors is about changing habits. Just a slight change in how you do things inside the home can pay off with big savings.

Helpful tips

Bathroom

- 💧 Toilets are the largest water users in the home. If you have an toilet made before 1994, consider replacing it. [Older toilets use 3.5 to 7 gallons of water per flush. A low flow toilet uses only 1.28 gallons per flush or less, saving 2.2 to 5.7 gallons, or 40 to 100 gallons per day.]
- 💧 Limit your shower to five minutes. [Saves 1000 gallons of water per month.]
- 💧 Consider replacing your older model showerhead. [A low flow showerhead uses 2.5 gallons per minute of water and can save up to 37 gallons of water per day.]
- 💧 Fix a dripping showerhead. [Saves 75 to several hundred gallons of water per week.]
- 💧 Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or shave. [Saves up to 200 gallons per month, per person.]

Kitchen

- 💧 Install a low-flow aerator on your faucet. [Conventional faucets use about 5 gallons of water per minute; a low-flow faucet uses just 1.5 gallons.] »»

- 💧 When using your dishwasher, make sure it is full and use a shorter, water saving cycle, if available. [Washing by hand can use up to 20 gallons of water; water- and energy-efficient dishwashers use approximately 4.5 gallons per load.]

Laundry

- 💧 Washing machines are the second largest water users in the home. [Older washing machines can use over 40 gallons or more per load. When replacing your washer, consider a high efficiency model that only uses 20-25 gallons of water per load.]
- 💧 Always wash full loads and save money by using cold water.

Leaks

- 💧 The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted per year - with the toilet in the lead.
 - » A toilet seal leak can waste 2,000 gallons of water per month.
 - » A toilet that sticks until you jiggle the handle can waste 20,000 gallons of water per month.
 - » A toilet that runs constantly can waste 100,000 gallons of water per month.
- 💧 Hidden water leaks can waste thousands of gallons per year. To check for a hidden leak, read your water meter before and after a two hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- 💧 Repair dripping faucets by replacing worn washers. One drip per second causes 2,700 gallons of water wasted in a year.
- 💧 Check for leaks in your toilet by placing food coloring in the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear within 30 minutes. Check for worn out, corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and are easily installed. Once you have completed the test with food coloring, flush to prevent staining in the tank.

Rebates & more info

- 💧 Visit cityofwinterpark.org/h2oconserve for the city's rebate information.
- 💧 Visit sjrwmd.com/waterconservation for more water conservation information.