

INDOOR CONSERVATION

Saving water in the kitchen, laundry and bath doesn't have to be difficult. Check out our tips for saving water indoors.

IN THE KITCHEN



Keep a pitcher or bottle of water in the refrigerator for grabbing a cold drink instead of running the faucet until it cools off.

Consider installing a point of use hot water heater at the kitchen sink. It reduces the time that water runs while you are waiting for hot water to get to the sink from the hot water heater. It will also save electricity.

Insulating hot water lines will reduce the amount of time that water needs to run at a faucet before the hot water gets there.

Scrape plates and pots before rinsing, which reduces the amount of rinse water, or...

Don't rinse dirty dishes before loading in the dishwasher. Most newer model washers don't require pre-rinsing to get dishes sparkly clean.



Run the dishwasher only when it's full and use the light wash cycle if your dishes aren't really dirty. If you are a smaller household, consider investing in a different kind of dish washer that features two separate washing compartments. Take a look at one version at <http://usa.fisherpaykel.com>. Tax rebates are often available when upgrading to a new efficient appliance. Check the states website at <http://www.energy.state.or.us/res/tax/appliance.htm>, to see if a dishwasher that you are considering purchasing qualifies for a rebate, or if the rebate brings a more efficient unit within your budget.

Install a faucet aerator on your sink. It mixes air with the water, reducing the volume of water that pours out without significantly effecting performance. Use the kind with the on/off flip lever for even greater savings. It allows you to set the temperature of your water and temporarily turn it on or off with one hand without requiring you to reset the temperature each time.

Reduce your use of the kitchen sink disposal. Operation of a disposal requires a lot of water. Compost is an environmentally friendly alternative to dispose of kitchen waste and improve your landscape health.

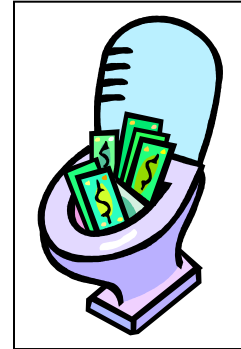
IN THE BATHROOM



Turn the water off while you brush your teeth. It's so simple and saves about 3 gallons of water per minute on average.

Repair leaky faucets. A small leak dripping at the rate of one drop per second will waste about 2,700 gallons of water per year!

Check your toilets for silent leaks. Many leaks in toilets are silent so you may be completely unaware of them. Sunrise Water Authority has toilet leak detection tablets available for customers on request. Simply drop them in the tank and if color seeps into the bowl after a few minutes, you have a leak which could be costing you hundreds of gallons.



Older toilets use more water per flush than is really necessary. Place a plastic bottle filled with water or a displacement device in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water used per flush.

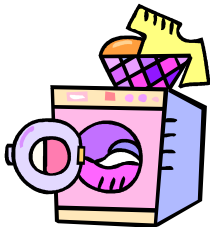
Replace your toilet to save hundreds of dollars a year on water and sewer bills. New ULF (ultra-low-flow at 1.6 gallons per flush) toilets have overcome the operational problems that were originally associated with low volume toilets and work just as well now as older, more wasteful varieties. Information and opinions on effective ultra low flow toilets is available on the internet. Check out the following link for opinions on ULF toilet performance:

<http://www.terrylove.com/crtoilet.htm>.

Don't flush trash. It wastes water and increases your sewer charges or makes your septic tank work harder than it needs to.

IN THE LAUNDRY

Presoak really dirty items in a bucket if you don't have a mini-soak option on your washer.



Select a washing machine that allows for the maximum number of load sizes and use that option to match load size.

If you do not have infinite load size selection, wash only full loads.

When purchasing a washing machine, consider water efficient varieties. Front loading models usually use considerable less water and detergent and are easier on your clothes. They are generally more expensive to purchase, but over the life of the washer you will definitely save in the long run. A list of machines that

meet the criteria of being energy and water efficient is available at the link http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/prod_lists/clotheswash_prod_list.pdf. Not only will you save water with this type of machine, but detergent, electricity and sewer charges or impacts on your septic system. State tax incentives are available when a qualifying machine is purchased. Information on the tax breaks are available at <http://www.energy.state.or.us/res/tax/appliance.htm>.