

10 ways to reduce your use of water:

- * Reducing your shower by 60 seconds will save 150 gallons of water a month. Try taking a shorter shower. If you need help, make a playlist of songs that are 5 minutes long or shorter each – challenge yourself to end your shower at the end of your song each day.
- * Turning off the water while you brush your teeth could save up to 4 gallons of water a minute. Brush at the same time as other family members, so that you are only rinsing out the sink one time.
- * When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the tap on; fill a sink or tub with water for washing, and another for rinsing.
- * While you wait for the water to get hot (in a sink or shower), collect the water while you wait. Also collect the water you use to rinse off your fruits or vegetables, or from the ice-cubes leftover when you finish your drink. Use this collected water to water house plants or the garden. Or save it up and try "green flushing" – when you flush your toilet by dumping a bucket of water into the bowl quickly, rather than using the water from the tank to flush. (Hint, this is also a great way to use water collected from a leaky pipe or faucet)
- * Learn how to use your water meter to check for leaks. Get them fixed! (or at the very least, try the hint above to collect the leaking water)
- * Use a nozzle or turn off the hose when you wash your car, and you can save up to 100 gallons each time. Set a timer whenever using a hose (to fill kiddie pools or water lawns) to remind you to shut it off.
- * Cook food in as little water as possible – not only will you conserve water, but you'll retain more nutrients in the food you cook!
- * Running your dishwasher or washing machine only when they are FULL can save up to 1,000 gallons of water a month.
- * Water your plants only when necessary – more plants die from over-watering than from under-watering (hint: learn what types of plants you have and how much water they should get and when; and the next time you need to replace a flowering plant or shrub, maybe try getting one that needs less water to thrive).
- * Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor when you shave, saving up to 300 gallons of water a month.

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