



10 Quick Tips

1. **Fix leaks immediately.** Regularly check for leaks inside and outside your home.
2. **Don't leave the tap running.** When shaving, brushing your teeth, washing your face, or food, turn off the tap.
3. **Check your toilet for leaks.** Put food color in your toilet tank and wait 10 minutes. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, you have a leak.
4. **Use the dishwasher and washing machine only when full.**
5. **Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models.** If your home was built before 1993, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
6. **Choose efficient appliances.** Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures. These products have been independently tested and verified to save at least 20% more water compared to conventional products.
7. **Scrape dishes before washing them.** Avoid using the garbage disposal. It wastes a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.
8. **Only water plants when necessary.** Use a rain gauge and water no more than 1 inch per week. If you do water, only do so between the hours of **4pm and 10am**.
9. **Reduce the amount of lawn and landscape with plants or plants well adapted to our region.**
10. **Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.**