

WATER SAVING TIPS

INDOOR

- Check your toilet for leaks.
- Never use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Take shallow baths or take a shorter shower.
- Place plastic bottles filled with sand and water in your toilet tank.
- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
- While waiting for hot tap water, catch flow in basin and use for watering plants or other use.
- Insulate hot water pipes to get hot water faster.
- Keep a bottle of tap water in your refrigerator instead of running the faucet for cold water.
- Use automatic dishwasher only for full loads; scrape dishes clean, don't rinse items before placing in dishwasher unless required.
- Use washing machine only for full loads or else carefully adjust water level.
- If washing dishes by hand, don't leave water running.
- Don't let water run while washing fruit and veggies; clean them in a basin filled with water.

OUTDOOR

- Water lawn and gardens only when needed.
- When watering, deep soak your lawn.
- If you do not have an irrigation system, use sprinklers that shoot water out horizontally, not vertically, to avoid loss of water through evaporation.
- Water during cool parts of the day, morning is best, to avoid loss of water through evaporation.
- Don't water on windy days to avoid loss of water through evaporation.
- Water the lawn, not the pavement.
- When watering gardens with a hand held hose, use a spray attachment that shuts the water off when released.
- Fix any leaks in the sprinkler, hose, or fittings. Replace worn hose washers.
- When mowing the lawn, don't cut the grass too short; longer grass means less evaporation.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
- Use a layer of mulch around plants and trees to retain moisture.
- Use a broom or leaf blower to clean driveways and sidewalks, not a hose.
- While washing your car don't leave the water running.
- If you have a pool, use a cover when not in use to reduce evaporation.