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As a society, we have become more and more environmentally conscious and better informed about the effect our lifestyles can have on the world around us. At the same time, the demand for our most valuable natural resource—drinking water—continues to grow while local supplies can be threatened by drought conditions.

The pages we've listed in the navigation to your left will help you learn more about key water conservation issues.

Even though water covers so much of the earth's surface, [less than one percent](#) is available for human consumption, and yet, according to the [most up-to-date U.S. Geological Survey report](#), the United States uses 355 billion gallons a day.

We share in the benefits of some of the safest drinking water in the world, and it is incumbent on us all to protect this valuable natural resource for future generations. By making simple but thoughtful changes in our daily routines, we can feel confident that we are doing our part. Below are some tips to help you conserve water.

#### How can I conserve water inside?

The following tips are directly from [the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#):

##### **For every room in the house with plumbing:**

- Repair leaky faucets, indoors and out.
- Consider replacing old equipment (like toilets, dishwashers and laundry machines).

##### **In the kitchen:**

- When cooking, peel and clean vegetables in a large bowl of water instead of under running water.
- Fill your sink or basin when washing and rinsing dishes.
- Only run the dishwasher when it's full.
- When buying a dishwasher, select one with a "light-wash" option.

**In the bathroom:**

- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Turn off the water to brush teeth, shave and soap up in the shower. Fill the sink to shave.
- Repair leaky toilets. Add 12 drops of food coloring into the tank, and if color appears in the bowl one hour later, your toilet is leaking.
- Install a toilet dam, faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads.

**Laundry:**

- Run full loads of laundry.
- When purchasing a new washing machine, buy a water saving model that can be adjusted to the load size.

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