



## Every Drop Counts Water Saving Tips

### Water Saving Tips

#### Start taking shorter showers.



Saving water can be as easy as changing your habits. Start taking shorter showers. Cutting your shower by 1 to 2 minutes can save 2,600 litres (700 gallons) of water each month.

#### Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.



Plant drought-resistant trees and plants. Many native plants can survive on rainwater alone. Ask at your local garden centre for information on xeriscaping - or look out for the plants with the low water use sticker.

#### Be a leak detector!



Be a leak detector! Check all your taps, pipes and toilets for leaks. If you find a leak, fix it immediately. Leaks can waste 14% of all the water we use in our home.

#### Sprinklers are water inefficient.



Rethink your irrigation system. Sprinklers are water inefficient. Install drip irrigation wherever possible or use a root irrigator for deep watering. This brings water down to the roots where the plants need it.

#### Check your toilets for leaks.



Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food colouring in your toilet tank. If it appears in the bowl without flushing then you have a leak which should be repaired immediately. Leaks can waste 14% of all the water we use in our home.

#### Encourage deep roots.



If you do water trees, this should be done slowly, deeply and infrequently. This encourages deep roots, making your tree healthier and helps to save water. Every drop counts!

#### Keep drinking water in fridge.



Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running the tap to cool water for drinking loses 12 litres per minute.

#### Report leaks in fire hydrants.



Report leaks in fire hydrants, plumbing, or other public facilities so that they can be repaired.

#### Make every flush count.



The toilet is the biggest water user in the house.

#### Save while brushing.



Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Before brushing, wet your brush, and fill a tumbler to rinse your mouth. Savings: 12 litres per minute.

### Save while cleaning.



Don't let the faucet run while cleaning vegetables. Instead, rinse them in a sink or bowl filled with clean water. Savings: 12 litres per minute.

### Drive dirty.



Washing the car uses 500 litres (130 gallons) of water! Turn the hose off while you swab the car. Consider using products for washing your car that require no water at all.

### Use all the dishes.



Wait until you have a full load before using your automatic dishwasher.

### Sweep instead.



Don't hose down your sidewalk, patio or driveway with water. Use a broom or rake for cleaning, and save hundreds of gallons of water.

### If you must water - Water early.



Water your lawn early in the morning or evening hours to minimize evaporation loss. It also achieves greater soil saturation and provides better absorption of the water.



## REDUCE

### Kitchen & Laundry



Run washing machines and dishwashers with full loads only  
Instead of using a dishwasher, wash dishes by hand  
Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator or use ice instead of running the tap for cold water

### Bathroom



Take shorter showers.  
Only partially fill your bathtub for baths.  
During showers, turn off the flow while soaping or shampooing.  
Do not run water while brushing your teeth. Fill a glass for rinsing.

### Garden



Use a hand-held hose for watering.  
Use rain barrels for water storage to water gardens.  
Choose a sprinkler that suits the size/shape of your lawn or garden.  
**Check the upcoming weather here** and water only when required.  
Use an automatic timer to regulate the amount/duration of the watering.

## REPAIR



Leaks can waste 14% of all the water we use in our homes.  
Seek and repair leaks.  
Repair leaking toilets!

## RETROFIT

### The Toilet



Adapt your toilet by installing one of the many water-saving devices now on the market. One option is toilet dams.

Replace your current toilet with one of the growing number of ultra-low volume toilets. Using only 6 litres (1.5 gallons) each flush instead of 18 litres (5 gallons) helps to save a lot of water.

### Showerheads & Faucets



Standard showerheads have flow rates up to 20 litres per minute. Changing to a low-flow showerhead can reduce your water flow by half.

Install low-flow aerators in your faucets and reduce the flow rate dramatically. Many of the new taps on the market already have aerators installed.

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