

Simple Habits to Save Water

Follow these recommendations to reduce water consumption daily:

- Avoid washing your car. If necessary, water your garden or lawn during cooler times of the day.
- Run the dishwasher or laundry machine only with full loads.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge for a convenient, cold glass of water as an alternative to waiting for "tap cold" water from the faucet.
- *View more water saving tips at WaterSense.*

Cost-Effective Appliance Updates

Residents should also consider installing simple, cost-effective tools that decrease household water consumption without behavior change. These upgrades to your household fixtures and appliances will benefit you and your community well into the future!

Install aerators and low-flow showerheads in kitchens and bathrooms.

Aerators for kitchen sink faucets only cost several dollars and are simple to install. Low-flow showerheads can make a drastic difference in water consumption, and generally start at about \$30 or more. Contact your local hardware store for availability.

Look for products with a WaterSense label.

A product with a WaterSense label must be 20 percent more water efficient than average products in the same product category, and perform as well or better than less efficient products in that category. The performance of the product is certified by a third-party, which secures consumer confidence. Manufacturers of bathroom sink faucets, showerheads, toilets, and more voluntarily commit themselves to the WaterSense partnership program with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Repair leaking faucets, pipes, or other fixtures as soon as possible.

Leaky pipes and fixtures can cause an average U.S. household to waste thousands of gallons of water per year—often unnoticed! Decrease your water bill and demand on your well or water system by fixing obvious leaks, or paying for a technician to do an inspection.