



MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT WHEN USING WATER!

HERE ARE TEN QUICK AND EASY TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER:

- 1. Water your lawn and garden during the cooler parts of the day**
 - Heat and wind rob your lawn and garden of water before it can be used. Water before 9:00 in the morning also helps to prevent fungus growth. Also, deep soak your lawn or garden long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots.
- 2. Use a garden hose with a shot off nozzle**
 - Hoses without a nozzle can waste 10 gallons or more per minute. In addition, do not leave your garden hose unattended – a garden hose can pour out more than 600 gallons of water in just a few hours!
- 3. Be sensible when using your lawn sprinkler and irrigation system**
 - Position your sprinkler so water lands on the lawn and garden, not on paved areas. Don't leave your sprinkler running all day. Also, put a timer on your underground lawn irrigation system and learn how to shut it off in case of rain.
- 4. Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when they are fully loaded**
- 5. Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways**
- 6. If you have a swimming pool, get a cover. You'll cut the loss of water by evaporation by 90 %**
- 7. Insulate your hot water pipes and your electric water heater**
 - Insulation will reduce the amount of time it takes for hot water to reach the tap, saving water and energy.
- 8. Retrofit or replace your toilet**
 - Put displacement devices, such as weighted plastic bottles or toilet dams, in your tank. These devices could save thousands of gallons of water a year. Also, consider replacing your conventional 5-gallon per flush toilet with a more efficient 1.6-gallon per flush unit.
- 9. Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth or shaving**
- 10. Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators**
 - Low-flow showerheads can save 20 to 40 gallons of water during one 10 minute shower. A low-flow aerator can reduce faucet flow by about 25%. Also, take shorter showers and, when taking a bath, remember to close your tub drain before turning on the water.

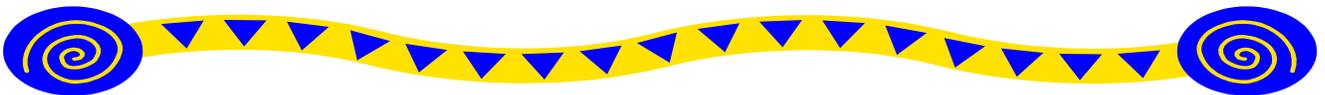


INTERESTING WATER FACTS AND STATISTICS



1. Americans drink more than 1 billion glasses of tap water per day.
2. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons each day.
3. On average, 50% – 70% of home water is used outdoors for watering lawns and gardens.
4. Daily *indoor* per capita water use in the typical single family home is 69.3 gallons. Here is how it breaks down:

<u>Use</u>	<u>Gallons per Capita</u>	<u>% of Total Daily Use</u>
Showers	11.6	16.8%
Clothes Washers	15.0	21.7%
Dishwashers	1.0	1.4%
Toilets	18.5	26.7%
Baths	1.2	1.7%
Leaks	9.5	13.7%
Faucets	10.9	15.7%
Other	1.6	2.2%



By installing more efficient water fixtures, regularly checking for leaks and following the tips on the reverse side of this page, households can reduce daily per capita water use by 35% - from 69.3 gallons to 45.2 gallons per day!!!

