

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Kitchen

- C Eliminate leaks by replacing old gaskets. A dripping faucet can waste 3,600 gallons a year.
- C Install faucet aerators.
- C Keep a pitcher of cold water in the fridge, instead of running water until its cold.
- C Don't leave the water running while rinsing dishes.
- C Don't use a garbage disposal.
- C Only use the dishwasher with full loads, and use the "water-saver" setting, if available.
- C Don't rinse dirty dishes before loading into dishwasher; scrape clean and let the machine do the rest.
- C Don't thaw frozen food under running water.

Bathroom

- C Don't leave the water running while rinsing, shaving, or brushing teeth.
- C If you hear running water in your toilet tank, adjust the leaky float valve or replace the faulty hardware.
- C Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- C Install a water-filled plastic jug or a "toilet tank bag" in your toilet tank to reduce the water used per flush. Don't use a brick, which may crumble.
- C Check for leaks by dropping a small amount of food coloring in the upper tank. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.
- C Take shorter showers
- C Install faucet aerators and or water-saving showerheads.

Outdoors

- C Check for and repair leaky garden taps, hose connections and sprinkler valves.
- C Water in the morning or evening, not in the heat of the day, to prevent evaporation.
- C Avoid watering on windy days.
- C Water slowly, thoroughly, and as infrequently as possible to promote deep roots and healthy plants.
- C Hold your garden hose close to the roots of plants so that there's little waste and evaporative loss.
- C Add compost and other organic matter to your soil to improve its water holding capacity.
- C Choose plants that don't require a lot of water.
- C Mulch all plant beds to reduce evaporation, weeds, and soil temperature.
- C Position sprinklers so that they do not water pavement.
- C Use rinse water from the house to water plants in or near the house.
- C Never let water run unnecessarily
- C Limit car washing. Use a bucket and a hose with spray attachment.
- C Don't use the hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. A broom will provide more exercise, anyway.