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These are just a few  
ways to conserve water  
consumption. Simple  
implementation of  
these efforts will save  
you money!

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# Water Conservation Tips

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## Every Drop Counts

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These simple tips can help you save money on your water bill.

### Indoor Tips:

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- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full and you could save 1000 gallons a month.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead and save gallons every time.

- If your shower can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, then replace it with a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- When you shop for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load size adjustments. They are more water and energy-efficient than older appliances.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- Install low-volume toilets.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save 140 gallons a week.
- Turn off the water while you shave or brush your teeth. You can save 100 gallons a week.

### Outdoor Tips:

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- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.

- Avoid planting turf in areas that are hard to water such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Plant during the spring and fall when the watering requirements are low.
- Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are higher.
- Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.
- You're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks.
- Catch rain from your down spouts in rain barrels and use it to water your outdoor plants.