

Water Conservation 101: Ten things you can do to save water

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- 1. Water your lawn only when it needs it.** Step on your grass. If it springs back, when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. Saves **750-1,500 gallons** per month. Better yet, especially in times of drought, water with a hose. And best of all, convert your lawn to native plants.
- 2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints.** Saves up to **600 gallons** per month for every leak stopped.
- 3. Don't run the hose while washing your car.** Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves **150 gallons** each time. For a two-car family that's up to **1,200 gallons** a month.
- 4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.** Saves **500 to 800 gallons** per month.
- 5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.** Saves **300 to 800 gallons** per month.
- 6. Shorten your showers.** Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to **700 gallons** per month.
- 7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.** Saves 150 gallons or more each time. At once a week, that's more than **600 gallons** a month.
- 8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.** Saves **400 to 600 gallons** per month.
- 9. Capture tap water.** While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. Saves **200 to 300 gallons** per month.
- 10. Don't water the sidewalks, driveway, or gutter.** Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs--and only there. Saves **500 gallons** per month