

# Family Water Conservation Checklist



| Bathrooms | Suggestions |
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- 1 Have toilet tanks been checked for leaks?
- Yes  
 No

Place a few drops of blue food coloring in the toilet tank. If coloring is seen in the toilet bowl without flushing, a wasteful leak needs to be repaired. A leaking toilet can waste up to 21,000 gallons of water per year.

- 2 Is toilet being used as a wastebasket?
- Yes  
 No

Extra toilet flushes can waste up to 7 gallons of water with each flush.

- 3 Are toilets ultra-low flow, with flushes using 1.6 gallons of water or less?
- Yes  
 No

If you don't have low-flush toilets, contact the Public Works Department at 647-4550 to take advantage of the Toilet Retrofit Program.



- 4 Do you turn the water off while brushing your teeth?
- Yes  
 No

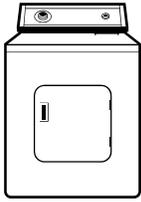
Before brushing, wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing your mouth.



- 5 Have low-flow shower heads been installed?
- Yes  
 No

Low-flow shower heads can save up to 8 gallons of water for each minute of shower time. You will also use less hot water, which saves energy. Call Public Works at 647-4550 to request a free low-flow shower head and aerators for your kitchen and bathroom sinks.

| Kitchen/Laundry | Suggestions |
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1 Are dishwashers and washing machines used only for full loads?

- Yes  
 No

Running full loads and using appliances only when necessary saves water and energy and extends the life of the machine.

2 Is water left running for rinsing produce or dishes?

- Yes  
 No

Ponding water— keeping it in the sink with a stopper— is a smart way to conserve water.

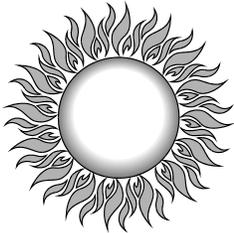


3 Have faucets been checked for leaks?

- Yes  
 No

Repair leaks as soon as possible. One drip per second wastes more than 2,400 gallons of water per year.

| Outdoor Use | Suggestions |
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1 Are lawns and shrubs watered only when it's really needed?

- Yes  
 No

Check before watering. A lawn that springs back after being stepped on doesn't need water. Shrubs need only a monthly deep watering during the summer, and watering may not be necessary in the winter.

2 Is your lawn watered before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m.?

- Yes  
 No

Water only during cooler parts of the day. The sun can cause most of the water to evaporate before it is absorbed into the soil.



3 Are your walkways or driveways swept for cleaning?

- Yes  
 No

Don't hose down paved areas to clean them off. Using a broom saves water.

4 Is water left running while washing your car or RV?

- Yes  
 No

Fill a bucket with soapy water and wet down your car or RV. Turn off the hose and wash your vehicle using soapy water from the bucket, then rinse with water from the hose. A hose left running can waste up to 10 gallons of water per minute.