

Water Conservation at Home

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1. Replace toilets built before 1992, the largest water user inside the home, with newer 1.6 gallon per flush toilets.
2. Unless you have a newer clothes washer that satisfies this standard, replace your clothes washer, the second largest water user in your house, with an Energy Star rated washer that has a Water Factor at or lower than 9.5. This saves both water and energy.
3. Check your indoor water using appliances and devices for leaks and have the leaks repaired. Check for unseen leaks by turning off all taps and other water using appliances and then look at your water meter. If it is still turning, chances are you have an unseen leak somewhere.
4. Plant/cover your yard with plants and groundcover that is drought resistant, which will require little or no watering.
5. If you must water your landscape, use "greywater", i.e., reuse water after taking a bath, after washing dishes in something that holds the water, or by gathering water from a clothes washer just before it drains.
6. Install low-flow faucet aerators on all your household faucets.
7. If you use a dishwasher, run it only when it is full of dishes. If you use a dishwasher, use air drying to save energy.
8. To maximize showering efficiency, make sure you have installed a low-flow showerhead in all your showers. All showerheads manufactured in the U.S. in recent years must restrict flow to 2.5 gallons per minute or less.

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