

Kitchen

When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow-moving stream from the faucet.

Install a deck mounted soap dispenser. Conveniently use only a proportional amount of soap, thus lowering the amount of water needed to wash excess soap down your drain

Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for cool water to flow.

Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.

Consider installing a water efficient drinking water system. Why buy a bottle of water when you can own the factory? No bottles to haul around and reduce the landfills

It's best to wait until you have a full load in your dishwasher before using it. Don't rinse dishes before loading, instead use the rinse and hold settings.

Use a sink strainer. Put the plug in the sink when washing your hands instead of holding them under running water.

Use only as much water as you need in the kettle to cut your electricity costs at the same time, or buy an instant hot tap dispenser. Make tea in seconds.

Don't put too much water in the pan when boiling food and put a lid on it.

Put all food waste down your food disposer. Reduce water that is sent to our landfills. No more wet stinky garage that attracts flies and rodents.

Bathroom

Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.

In the shower, turn water on to get wet; turn off to lather up; then turn back on to rinse off. Repeat when washing your hair.

Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

If the toilets handle frequently sticks in the flush position, letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it. Do a toilet tank "Leak Detector Tablet" test.

When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, and then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.

Hard water doesn't allow soap to lather up. Install a water efficient water softener. Reduce soap, and shampoos in our environment by approx 70%. Let water do what nature intended and save money.

Other

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year.

Tired of waiting for hot water? Install a retro-fit hot water recirculation line. Save approx 16000 gallons of water a year by no longer waiting for the warm up.

Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. Check the toilet for worn out, corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed. (Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain tank.)

Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed. When finished, turn it off at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks. Check hose connectors to make sure plastic or rubber washers are in place. Washers prevent leaks.

Electric hot water tanks are very efficient and last longer than most gas hot water heaters, reducing our landfills. Electric Hot water tanks require less maintenance and are easier to service, making them very dependable. Investigate purchasing greener energy such as wind or solar electricity to do your part for our environment.

Encourage your employer to promote water conservation in the workplace. Suggest that water conservation be put in employee orientation and training programs.

Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or cleaning.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks.

Buy a timer for your lawn service or purchase a water barrel.