

“Top Household Water Conservation Tips”

Each of us as Arizona residents has a responsibility to conserve water. It's for our future!

YOUR FAUCETS:

- Faucets account for about 17% of household water use. Adding water saving aerators to all of your faucets can mean big savings. They are simple to install, inexpensive, and can cut water use significantly.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste up to twenty gallons of water a day.
- Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. No need to keep the water running while brushing. Just wet the brush and fill a glass of water for rinsing, saves about three gallons of water each brushing.
- Don't let the faucet run while cleaning your vegetables. Just rinse in a plugged sink or large pan/bowl of clean water.

YOUR TOILETS:

- Responsible for up to 25% of household use. Older toilets waste gallons of water with every flush. If you are not ready to replace an older toilet an adjustable flapper can greatly reduce your usage. You can also put filled plastic bottles or a tank bank in your toilets to ensure it uses less water per flush.
- Drop tissues in the trash instead of flushing them and save water every time.

YOUR SHOWER & BATH:

- While showers are still more water efficient than baths they still account for approximately 17% of water use. Using a low-flow showerhead will cut water use by about 40% over a standard showerhead. Turning off the water while you lather will cut water waste as well.
- A four minute shower uses twenty to forty gallons of water. Shorten your

shower by a minute or so and you can save up to one hundred fifty gallons of water per month.

-Turn off the shower while washing your hair and save up to one hundred fifty gallons of water per month.

-When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills. A full bathtub requires up to seventy gallons of water.

YOUR DISHWASHER & DISPOSAL:

-Washing dishes by hand actually uses almost 50% more water than running the dishwasher saving several thousand gallons of water a year. Try to have a full dishwasher before running it. Also, minimize the use of your kitchen sink garbage disposal. It requires lots of water to operate properly.

YOUR LAUNDRY/STORAGE ROOM:

When washing clothes, ensure you match/set your water level for the size load you are washing.

YOUR PATIO & SIDEWALK:

-Sweep your patio and sidewalk areas instead of using the hose. Savings here too and it all adds up over the course of a year.

We hope that you will all participate in this conservation effort. It can make a real difference!