

General Tips

- ~Saving water also saves energy
- ~Buy Energy Star Appliances
 - ✦ Energy Star Clothes Washer saves water consumption up to 40% - standard washers use up to 40 gallons of water
 - ✦ Energy Star Dishwashers use about 25% less water
- ~With water savings also comes wastewater savings – whether it be a city sewer system or septic system

Indoor Tips

- ~Repair dripping faucets and toilets
- ~Don't run water when you're brushing your teeth or shaving
- ~Only run your dishwasher with a full load, use 'light wash' if available, to use less water
- ~Store drinking water in the refrigerator
- ~Operate clothes washer with full loads or set water level to match size of load
- ~Use water-saving showerheads and aerators on your faucets
- ~Throw trimmings/peelings from food into your yard compost-don't use the garbage disposal
- ~Take shorter showers – A 4-minute shower uses approximately 20 gallons of water
- ~Don't defrost food in running water – defrost in refrigerator or microwave

Outdoor Tips

- ~Install irrigation devices that are water efficient
- ~Plant native grasses/ground covers/trees
- ~Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil
- ~Wash vehicles on lawn and shut nozzle off when not using water
- ~Avoid overwatering your lawn. Most lawns only need one-inch a week. Water deeply not frequently
- ~Raise your mower blade. A higher cut encourages deeper roots and retains soil moisture
- ~Cover pools and spas to reduce water evaporation
- ~Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered
- ~Wash your pets outdoors on the lawn where your lawn needs watering
- ~Use a broom, not the hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks
- ~Water plants in early morning to conserve water and prevent fungus growing at night
- ~Outdoor watering June to September is restricted from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

GroundWater

- ~Dispose of chemical properly
- ~Limit amounts of fertilizer
- ~Take used motor oil to recycling center
- ~Teach others about groundwater

Did You Know

- ~Most people in North America use nearly 70 gallons of water indoors each day and nearly the same amount outdoors, depending on the season
- ~Indoors, $\frac{3}{4}$ of water used is in the bathroom
- ~In the average home, the toilet accounts for 28% of water use
- ~Running the sprinkler for two hours can use up to 500 gallons of water