







# Save Water, Save Money: Tips and Tricks


## Ways to Save


 Change landscaping irrigation timers with the seasons.


 Skip your next watering cycle after a rain event. Your plants will thank you.


 Don't drown your plants! Shut off automatic watering systems when it rains.


 Reduce evaporation by mulching your landscaping and potted plants.


 Use faucet aerators that are 1.5 GPM or lower.

 Check hoses, connectors and spigots regularly. Replace them when necessary.


 Check for leaks around the house once a month.


 Only do full loads of dishes when running the dishwasher.


 Reuse clean household water by watering potted plants with it.


 Wash produce in a pan instead of under running water.

 Take shorter showers.

 Fill the sink when washing dishes instead of letting the water run.

 Turn the water off when you're not actively using it.

 Only fill the bath tub up a third of the way.

 Do full loads of laundry or set the water level to the correct size of the load.



*Because water matters every day*



# Finding and Fixing Leaks: Saving Money and Water

Did you know that a running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day?! Leaks are sneaky and can waste a whole lot of water over a short period of time, adding up to a lot of wasted money.

Below are some fixes to common leaks around the house. If these simple fixes do not work, or you are not comfortable fixing them yourself, call a trusted handyman or licensed plumber to get the job done.



## Faucets:

**The Test:** Turn the faucet on then all the way off. If it's still dripping or running, there could be a leak.

**Possible Solution:** Worn out faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks. This is another hardware store trip. Ask them how to safely change washers.

Remember to turn off the water first.

**Price:** \$



## Showerheads:

**The Test:** Turn the faucet on then all the way off. If it's still dripping or running, there could be a leak. Mineral build up on the outside of the faucet could also indicate a leak.

**Possible Solution:** Make sure there's a tight connection between the pipe stem and showerhead by using pipe tape to secure it. For more complicated valve leaks that drip when the water is turned off, contact a handyman or plumber.

**Price:** \$ - \$\$



## Toilets:

**The Test:** Place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. Wait 15 minutes, if there's color in the toilet bowl, you have a leak. Remember to flush immediately after the test to avoid dying your toilet.

**Possible Solution:** Common reason for a leak is an old or worn out toilet flapper, or "valve seal." Head to your local hardware store with your old flapper to fix this leak.

**Price:** \$



Toilet going through the food coloring test. This one has a leak!