

FIVE ACTIONS TO SAVE WATER

There are many ways to save water. Below are five key actions to help save water around the house. Remember, every drop counts!

1. Stop Leaks



Check your indoor water using appliances and devices for leaks. Many leaks are silent which may go unnoticed. These leaks are using water which go through your meter. Studies have shown homes can waste more than 10% due to leaking, which costs both you and the environment. Another major leak can occur in an irrigation system. It is crucial to fix irrigation system leaks quickly. Inspect your sprinklers and drip sprayers regularly for leaks. If you have an older irrigation system, over 50% of water can be lost due to leaks.

2. Replace Old Toilets



A toilet is the largest water user inside your home. If your home was built before 1992 and the toilet has never been replaced, it is very likely you do not have a water efficient 1.6 gallon per flush toilet. The stamp date is located inside the toilet under the lid on the back of the tank.

3. Replace Clothes Washing Machine



A washing machine is the second largest water user in your home. Energy Star™ rated washers that have a Water Factor lower than 9.5, use 35-50% less water and 50% less energy per load. This saves you money on water and energy bills.

4. Plant the Appropriate Vegetation



Plant your landscaping/garden with proper design and irrigation. Whether you are installing new landscaping or slowly changing current landscape design, select plants that are suitable for the local climate conditions. Consider trending towards a more natural landscape.

5. Only Water What Plants Need



Most water is wasted in gardens by watering when plants do not need it. Be attentive if you are manual watering. Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device and it's appropriately scheduled.