

HOW TO CONSERVE WATER

Here are ways you can conserve water on a daily basis both indoors and out:

Indoors

- Store drinking water from your faucet in your fridge so you don't have to run the tap while it cools.
- Use washing machines for full loads only.
- Run the dishwasher only when full.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Install an aerator on your kitchen faucet to reduce flow to less than 1 gallon per minute.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Alternatively, you can compost vegetable food waste and save gallons of water every time.
- Install low-flow shower heads.
- Take a five-minute shower instead of a ten-minute one.
- Turn your bathroom faucet off when brushing your teeth or shaving.

Outdoors

- Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Adjust your sprinklers to ensure only your yard is being watered, not your house, sidewalk, or street.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool.

- Landscape your yard with climate appropriate plants.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, sidewalks, and patios.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and sponge, and make sure your hose has a selfclosing nozzle.
- Reuse water for your plants. Reuse opportunities include cooled-down cooking water or collecting the unused water used when running the tap while waiting for cold or hot water.

Water conservation begins at home and benefits the entire community.

