

# Water Conservation Tips

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1. Replace older toilets with WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilets. Older toilets can use four times more water per flush.
2. Regularly check for and repair leaks. Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water per month. Many leaks can be fixed by do-it-yourselfers or a plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).
3. Install a high efficiency showerhead and you could save about one gallon per minute while maintaining the pressure you love.
4. Install an aerator on your bathroom or kitchen faucet, and save about one gallon per minute. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet and uses air to maintain good water pressure.

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5. Adjust your sprinklers so that they're watering your lawn and garden, and not the street or sidewalk.
6. Water early in the morning (before 10 am) or later in the evening (after 6 pm) when temperatures are cooler and evaporation is minimized. Additionally, watering mid-day on a sunny day may burn your plants.
7. Consider using native or Pacific Northwest-friendly plants and trees in your yard instead of a green lawn. Native plants are suited to our seasonal weather and more disease and insect-resistant. They are easier to maintain than grass, look beautiful, and require far less water.
8. Apply mulch around plants and trees to retain moisture and inhibit weed growth.

