

Conserve Water!

Water conservation is an environmentally responsible way to save money. Here are just a few steps that every resident should follow to conserve this precious resource:

- **Check for leaks! Listen for running toilets or dripping faucets; fixing a leak can save hundreds of gallons of water per month. Monitor your water bill for unusually high use.**
- **Run the clothes washer or dishwasher when full and save hundreds of gallons of water per month.**
- **Use water-efficient showerheads. You can install them yourself, are inexpensive and save hundreds more gallons of water per month.**
- **Thaw food in the refrigerator; don't thaw foods under the spigot with running water.**
- **Your best bet - Consider installing an instant-on water heater. They are available by the fixture (eg - bathroom sink) or for the entire house. Not only will you save what was wasted while waiting for the water to heat up, you'll save your energy costs as well.**
- **Do not run the water while shaving and brushing your teeth.**
- **Water outside plants with a watering can, preferably from water that was collected from a rain barrel vs. hose fed sprinklers. This will concentrate the water to the plants that need it rather than wasting water on entire areas.**
- **Use front loading washers vs. standard top load washers. Front load machines use far less water**
- **To check your toilet to see if it is leaking water into the bowl, add a few drops of red food dye into the tank. After an hour or so check to see if the water in the bowl has traces of red in it. If it does, water is leaking into the bowl and it's time to replace the flapper in the tank.**
- **Or Invest in a leak alertor (www.leakalserter.com). It flashes a red light if your toilet is leaking.**
- **Fill a pitcher with tap water from your faucet and place it in your refrigerator. You will have cold water rather than running the faucet until it gets cold.**

- **Anyone renovating their home can have their ready-to-fail plumbing/piping systems replaced with a manifold system. Pipe leakage will be resolved and the direct supply from our potable water source to every one of our fixtures wastes much less water based on heating (or cooling) the water for showers, tubs, hand-washing or drinks.**
- **"Grey-Water" systems with cisterns can be installed that will either reuse clean, but non-drinkable waste-water from our sinks and showers for our toilets and/or rainwater collection as a source for sprinklering our yards and supplying flushable water for our toilets.**