

Water conservation in the home is not only essential for the sustainability of our planet but also presents an opportunity for significant savings on your water bill. By adopting some of these simple tips provided below, families can contribute to the reduction of water usage. These water conservation practices encourage a culture of sustainability and mindfulness towards our environmental resources, fostering a more eco-friendly lifestyle.

### BATHROOM WATER CONSERVATION

- **Update your showerheads and faucets.** Water-efficient showerheads and aerators for faucets can significantly reduce the amount of water you use. Installing a water-efficient showerhead is one of the most effective water-saving steps you can take inside your house.
- **Take shorter showers.** If everyone in the United States shortened their shower by one minute every day, we could save 85 billion gallons per year.
- **Place a bucket in the shower to collect the water while it is heating up.** Use the water as needed around your home for watering plants or to refill a flushing toilet.
- **Turn off the water** when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- **Toilets are not trash cans.** Only flush the toilet when necessary. Both help to conserve water and reduce sewer overflows.
- **Fix that leak!** A faucet drip of two tablespoons a minute adds up to 105 gallons a week of water wasted.

### KITCHEN WATER CONSERVATION

- **Cook food in as little water as possible.** This also helps retain nutrients in your food.
- **Run the dishwasher** only when it is full and during off-peak hours for maximum savings.
- **Dry scrape your dishes,** the dishwasher will take care of the rest!
- **Use your disposal sparingly.** It wastes water and puts stress on our sewer system.
- **Use an aerator** for the kitchen faucet.

### LAUNDRY WATER CONSERVATION

- **Use the lowest water level setting** on the washing machine for light or partial loads whenever possible.
- **Use cold water as often as possible** to save energy (which uses water) and conserve hot water for uses that cold water cannot serve.

### OTHER HOME CONSERVATION

- **Put melted ice** in a desk plant or house plant.
- **Temporarily move houseplants** outside when it rains. Water from the sky is free!
- **Insulate hot water pipes** to save energy and water. Water is an integral part of creating energy, and energy is necessary to treat drinking water. Conserving water conserves energy.



## Water Conservation Tips

At Home Conservation



### ONLINE RESOURCES

**Fixing Leaks at Home:** <https://cltwaterblog.org/2023/03/fixing-at-home-leaks/>

**High Water Bill:** <https://cltwaterblog.org/2016/09/have-a-high-water-bill-read-this/>

**Outdoor Water Conservation:** <https://cltwaterblog.org/2023/04/outdoor-water-conservation-smart-irrigation-other-useful-tips/>

**Swimming Pool Tips:** <https://cltwaterblog.org/2023/05/filling-refilling-or-draining-a-swimming-pool/>

**High Water Pressure:** <https://cltwaterblog.org/2023/05/filling-refilling-or-draining-a-swimming-pool/>

