

Tips for Water Conservation

[Toilet Flushing](#)—Water usage in your home is pretty evenly distributed among your appliances; however, nearly 30% is flushed down the toilet. Avoid unnecessary flushing! You can save thousands of gallons each year if you replace your old toilets with ultra-low-flow toilets that use 1.6 gallons per flush or less.

[Faucets](#)—Check your faucets, toilets and other appliances for leaks. A leaky faucet that could fill an 8 oz. container in less than 30 minutes could waste as much as 1,225 gallons of water a year. The average bathroom faucet runs at the rate of 2 gallons of water per minute. Try running water at less than full flow. Turn the water off while you floss and brush your teeth.

[Dishwasher & Clothes Washer](#)—Running your dishwasher and clothes washer when only half full uses almost the same amount of water as full loads. By replacing your clothes washer with a high-efficiency washing machine can reduce water consumption from 40 gallons per load to less than 26 gallons per load.

[Master Valve](#)—Locate your master valve that controls your water service BEFORE you have an Emergency. Consider turning it off if you are going out of town so drips or leaks won't surprise you when you come home!