

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS For Outside

- Avoid over watering. Grass needs water when it is pale green and it stays flat after it has been stepped on.
- Check hose and connectors. Repair or replace leaky parts or sections.
- Water slowly until the lawn is soggy. Use a hose; sprinklers allow the water to evaporate before the soil can absorb it.
- Use a nozzle which can be shut off or adjusted to fine spray.
- Water in the morning. Sun and wind can evaporate much of the water before it reaches the soil.
- Let the grass grow higher in dry weather it saves burning and saves water.
- Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss or gravel slows down evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- If you have a pool, use a pool cover to cut down on evaporation.
- Have an evaporative air conditioner? Direct the water drain line to a flower bed, tree base or lawn.





- Flush only when necessary. Don't use your toilet for a garbage disposal and/or trash can.
- Install a water-saving displacement device in your toilet. A plastic bottle or plastic bag weighted with pebbles and filled with water would work.
- Repair leaks, attend to drips promptly.
- Install water saving devices. Try a faucet aerator (like the one included in this kit), low-flow shower head, flow restrictors or cut off valve to reduce the amount of water used.
- Take shallow baths and plug the drain before you run water.
- Keep showers short with pressure at low force.
- Run only full loads in your dishwasher and clothes washers.
- Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden.
- Instead of cooling water by running, keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator.
- Don't' defrost frozen foods with running water.
- Fill the sink bowl with water instead of letting water run when you wash, clean vegetables, brush teeth, shave or washing dishes.