

# Water Saving Tips for Inside the Home

## In the Kitchen and Around the House:

- Scrape food in the garbage and wash plate only after food is cleared to avoid clogged drains.
- Only use dishwasher when it's completely full.
- Avoid thawing frozen foods with running water.
- Place unused ice cubes in plants around the house.
- Reuse fish tank water by watering plants with it.

## In the Bathroom and Laundry Room:

- Collect water while waiting for shower to get hot and use it for your plants.
- Take 5 minute showers instead of baths which saves gallons of water!
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, shaving and lathering up.
- Avoid throwing medicines down the drain as well using toilet as a waste basket.
- Match water levels with load size when doing laundry.

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# Water Saving Tips for Outside the Home

## In the Garden:

- Plant drought resistant shrubs, plants and lawns to help reduce water use.
- Use mulch and compost to help slow evaporation and prevent weed growth.
- Water in the morning or at dusk to avoid water evaporation.
- Avoid water excess run off as well as allowing motor oil, antifreeze and gasoline into gutters and storm drains.
- Use automatic shut off nozzle on hose to avoid wasting water.

## When Washing Cars:

- Avoid washing cars on a scheduled basis—stretch out the times between washes.
- Don't run the hose while washing your car—use only when washing soap off.
- Wash car on part of the lawn that needs water to do double duty.

## In Pool Area:

- Use pool covers which help reduce water evaporation and keep water-temperature consistent.
- Check pool and pool pipes for leaks—every drop counts!

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