



EVERYDAY WATER TIPS

A leaky pipe can add hundreds of dollars to your water bill. Making small changes in the way you do everyday tasks such as washing dishes and brushing your teeth can save you both water and money. Here are some ways to do that.

FIX LEAKS AND DRIPS

Fix leaky pipes, dripping faucets and running toilets as soon as you notice them. Here are a few tips:

- Regularly check all your taps and pipes for leaks. To find a leak, rub a dry paper towel on and around the pipes.
- Repair a running toilet immediately. Otherwise, several gallons of water will be wasted an hour.
- Put a few drops of food coloring into your toilet tank and don't flush for a few hours. When you come back to your toilet, if there is colored water in your toilet bowl then you have a leak. Call a licensed plumber if you don't know how to fix it.
- Monitor water usage closely. You can view your real-time water usage through the DWSD Customer Care Portal.

CONSERVE WATER

You can save money all day, every day just by being more mindful about your water usage.

- Replace your faucet aerators (screens) and clean them monthly. It will not only help reduce water usage but also helps provide cleaner drinking water.
- While you wait for the water to heat up at your kitchen and bath faucets, collect the water in a pitcher or bucket to use for your plants.
- Turn off your faucet while brushing your teeth and shaving.
- Only use one glass for drinking water per day. This will reduce the number of glasses to wash and will save water.
- Don't rinse dishes with running water. Use one tub to wash and the other to rinse.
- Use a pitcher or clean gallon jug to store water in your refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run every time you want a cold glass of water.
- Wash your car using a bucket instead of a running hose.
- Time your shower to be five minutes or less and bathe small children together.
- Check the weather forecast before watering your lawn.
- Upgrade older toilets with water-saving models. Install a dual-flush toilet, which has two flush options: a half flush for liquid waste and a full flush for solid waste.



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