

# Water Conservation Tips

Conservation - The vital link to an adequate water supply.

Conserving water helps us to avoid the considerable expense of having to develop new water supply sources and storage reservoirs to meet current and future demands.

You can significantly reduce water consumption by adopting some or all of the following practices, which saves both water and your water dollars.

## INSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Repair leaks promptly. Fix dripping indoor and outdoor faucets and leaking hose connections as soon as they occur.
- Turn off the tap while you shave, brush your teeth or do the dishes by hand.
- Wash with full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Do not use running water to thaw frozen food. Plan ahead to thaw frozen food and ice trays in the air when possible.
- Insulate your hot water pipes.
- Check your water meter regularly when all taps in the house are turned off. This will help determine if there is a leak on your premises.

## OUTSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Check and repair leaking hose bibs.
- Water efficiently when using a hose. Equip the hose with a shut off valve so you can turn off the water as you move from plant to plant.
- Use an automatic shut off nozzle when washing cars, or a car wash that recycles water.
- Hand-water shrubs and special planted landscaped areas, or consider installing a drip irrigation system.
- Turn off any sprinkler system when it rains.
- Adjust weathering schedule. Let the weather be your guide for watering frequency. Use early mornings or late evenings when the sun is at its lowest.
- Sweep driveways and paths. Use a broom to clean pavements instead of a hose.
- Mulch Plants; It helps to keep the soil cooler by trapping moisture, reducing evaporation and discouraging weeds.