

General Tips



Check all water fixtures and pipes for leaks periodically

A faucet drip or invisible toilet leak can add up to 4 litres of water per day, or 400 litres of water a week! This can mean over 20 000 litres can get wasted in 1 year.



Reuse fish tank water and cooking water

Allow cooking water to cool and use on your household plants. You can also use the water from your fish tank when you are cleaning it. Both sources of plant water help to conserve as well as fertilize.



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Water: Use & Conservation



Indoor Water Consumption

How you can save water in your home

Kitchen

Fill your dishwasher



Since your dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or not, make sure to fill it! Some dishwashers even have a water saving cycle.

Defrost food in the refrigerator

Plan ahead when you are going to be defrosting food. Thaw food overnight in the refrigerator or quickly in the microwave, not under running water



Store water in the refrigerator

Place a jug of water in the fridge and cover it. This way you do not have to run the tap to make the water cold. Running a tap will waste 20-28 litres per minute



Toilets can count for almost 30% of all inside water use, more than any

Bathroom

Check for leaky toilets

At least once a year, check your toilet for leaks. To do this remove the toilet tank lid and add 10 drops of food colouring. After 15 minutes check the toilet bowl, if you see colour you have a leak. Remember to check your flapper valve regularly as it can be a source for leaks.



Install low flow showerheads

Low flow showerheads deliver 10 litres per minute (LPM). Older showerheads deliver

20-28 LPM.

Take shorter shower or take a small bath

Taking shorter showers will save litres of water. If you would like more time in the water have a partially filled bath. Remember not to fill the whole tub as this wastes even more water!



Laundry Room

Select the proper water level for your laundry

Unlike your dishwasher you, most laundry machines will let you control the water level. Select the correct water level for each load to conserve the water. Remember not to over load your washing machine as it will mean you have to rewash your clothes and use more water.



Retrofit your laundry room



New front loading home washing machines save 1/3 more water than the top loading machines. There is also no agitator, meaning a longer life for your clothes.

