

HOW TO USE LESS WATER

💧 Other Water Conserving Ideas

- Swimming pools and spas need to be covered when not in use.
- Changing the water in your fish tank? Use the old water on your shrubs and flowers. The plants will love this nitrogen rich water.
- Check your water bill each month to make sure that the amount of water you're using is about the same. A gradual increase in water use can be a sign of a hidden leak.
- Pavement washing is discouraged. Use a broom.
- Let your employer know of any leaks and water waste that is happening at work.
- If you wash the car at home, do it while parked on the grass and use a bucket for soaping and rinsing.
- Check for leaks regularly inside and outside of your home. If no water is running in your home, but the little red triangle on the water meter is still turning, then you have a hidden leak. The supply lines to the home, or your toilet, or an irrigation system valve are likely culprits.
- Report leaking fire hydrants or water coming up in the streets to the Public Works & Utilities Department so that the leaks can be fixed.
- If you're not going to drink that water which is brought to your table by restaurant wait staff, then ask them to not bring you any. Every glass of water brought to your table and not used requires 2 to 3 additional glasses of water for washing and rinsing.
- When refreshing your pet's drinking water, use the water they didn't drink to water house-plants
- Run the water used when back-flushing the pool filter into the shrub or perennial beds, or into the rain garden.
- Do you have a pool? Check it twice a year for leaks. Do this when you open it for the season and when you close it down at the end of the season. Make a mark at the water line with a grease pencil in the evening, and then check the pool in the morning. If the water level has dropped you have a leak.
- Learn to read the water meter. You can use this to track how much water you use at different tasks.
- Avoid recreational toys that require a constant flow of water.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash. The high powered sprayers work well at getting off the grime and these also use less water than your garden hose.