



# NINE WATER-SAVING

FOR CONSERVING INSIDE  
YOUR HOME

*Tips*

People often don't realize how much water they use on a daily basis. If each of us made some small changes, we could conserve gallons of water each day.

Here are some tips that do make a difference:



1) Take a "Navy" shower. Rinse, turn water off, soap up, turn water on and rinse again. Limiting the amount of time you spend "under the water" reduces water use considerably. And you get just as clean.

2) Gentlemen – shave in the sink, not the shower. Ladies, if this is too acrobatic, shave in the shower... but do so during the "soap-up" portion of the Navy shower.



3) Do like Mayor Franklin does, and keep a 10-gallon bucket in your shower. When it is full, water desperate outdoor plants. You can also keep a bucket in your kitchen. Pour water you would normally pour down the sink into the bucket. It will make you realize how much water you pour down the sink every day.



4) Don't let the water run while you brush your teeth. Again, teeth get just as clean when the water isn't running.

5) Dispose of floor sweepings in the trash, not the toilet.

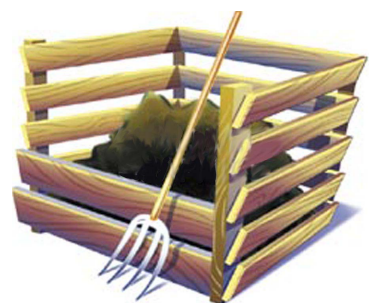
6) Speaking of toilets, these devices can be huge water-wasters. If you have an ancient toilet, consider switching it for a new, water-conserving model. If this home improvement project isn't in the budget, at least make sure your toilet isn't running when it shouldn't be. If it is, replace the flapper mechanism inside the tank. This inexpensive fix could save you gallons of water each week – and reduce your water bill.



7) Hand-wash your dishes. Fill one sink with soapy water and one sink with rinse water. Hand-washing is far more water-efficient than running a dishwasher. If you have to use your dishwasher, make sure it is full before running it.

8) Turn in your top-loading washing machine for a much more efficient front-loading model. Top-loading machines can use as much as 40 gallons per wash, while front-loading models use less than 20. Use cold water to wash your clothes. Again, don't run your washing machine if it isn't full.

9) Use your food disposal unit sparingly. Instead, create a compost pile. You will waste less water and have compost to use on your landscaping once the drought is over!



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