

# WAVES - OF - WAYS TO SAVE WATER

## **BATHROOM:**

### **TOILET**

Install a displacement device in your toilet tank.  
Install a 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilet.  
Flush less.  
Remember the toilet is not an ashtray or wastebasket.  
Check for leaks with dye tabs.  
Fix your toilet leaks immediately.

### **SINK**

Install a low-flow faucet aerator.  
While shaving, tooth brushing, etc. turn off the water.  
Fix your faucet leaks immediately.  
When cold will do, avoid using hot water.

### **TUB/SHOWER**

Install a low-flow showerhead.  
Install a showerhead with a shutoff valve.  
Take shorter showers.  
Use less water for bathing.  
Fix your showerhead drips immediately.

## **KITCHEN:**

### **DISHWASHER**

Do only full loads.  
Scrape, don't rinse your dishes before loading.  
Check each model's water requirements when shopping for a new dishwasher.

### **SINK**

Install a low-flow faucet aerator.  
Install an aerator with a shutoff valve.  
Fix your faucet drips immediately.  
While doing dishes, washing vegetables, etc. turn off the water.  
Keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator.  
Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.  
Use your garbage disposal sparingly, or better yet, start composting your kitchen waste.

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## **LAUNDRY:**

### **WASHER**

Do only full loads.  
Avoid the use of hot water (which sets many stains).  
Use a short wash cycle unless your clothes are very soiled.  
Check each model's water requirements when shopping for a new washer.  
Consider a horizontal axis model.

## **OUTDOOR:**

### **LAWN/GARDEN**

Water early in the morning or late at night.  
Water your plants only when they really need it.  
Use a soil probe to check soil moisture depth around plants.  
Water long and slow, rather than short and heavy.  
Landscape with low-water-using plants.  
Mulch all planting areas.  
Keep your irrigation systems well maintained.  
Replace your lawn with native plants.  
Plant trees where they will shade buildings and outdoor living areas.

## **OTHER:**

Wash your car with a bucket of water, save the hose for final rinse.  
To cleanup outside, use a broom, not a hose.  
Locate your master cutoff valve in case of an emergency.  
Cover your swimming pool.  
Use pool flush water for plants.  
Service your evaporative coolers regularly.  
Check for leaks between your water meter at the street and your house.  
Insulate hot water pipes and hot water heater.  
Harvest rainwater from your roof for use on plants.  
Contour your yard to direct rainwater to your plants.  
Investigate the use of graywater for landscape irrigation.

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