



Conserve Florida Water

Promoting Conservation in our Public Water Supplies

Water Conservation Tips

1. Water the lawn only as needed. Step on the grass, if it springs back, it doesn't need water. **Save 750-1,500 gallons** monthly.
2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. **Save 20 gallons** daily for every leak stopped.
3. Don't run the hose while washing the car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. **Save 150 gallons** each time.
4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. **Save 500 to 800 gallons** monthly.
5. Time showers to keep under 5 minutes. **Save up to 1000 gallons** monthly.
6. Consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower.
7. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. **Save three gallons** daily.
8. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. **Save 300 to 800 gallons** monthly.
9. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. **Save 400 to 600 gallons** monthly.
10. Make sure the toilet flapper doesn't stick open after flushing.
11. Put a weighted object in the toilet tank to displace water so less is used with each flush. **Save 5 to 10 gallons** daily.
12. Install low-volume toilets.
13. While waiting for the hot water, capture tap water in a watering can, use later on indoor or outdoor plants. **Save 200 to 300 gallons** monthly.
14. Turn off the water while shaving. Fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of water to rinse your razor. **Save three gallons** daily.
15. Don't leave the water running to rinse dishes when washing them by hand. If there are two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you only have one sink, use a spray device or short blasts instead of letting the water run. **Save 200 to 500 gallons** monthly.
16. Don't defrost frozen foods with running water. Place frozen items in the refrigerator overnight or defrost in the microwave. **Save 50 to 150 gallons** monthly.
17. Wash produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap. **Save 150 to 250 gallons** monthly.
18. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead. **Save 50 to 150 gallons** monthly.
19. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Leave lower branches on trees and shrubs and allow leaf litter to accumulate on top of the soil. This slows down evaporation. **Save 750 to 1,500 gallons** monthly.
20. Choose a water-efficient drip irrigation system for trees, shrubs and flowers. Watering at the roots is very effective, be careful not to over water.
21. Don't water the lawn on windy days. There's too much evaporation. **Can waste up to 300 gallons** in one watering.
22. Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation. **Save 500 to 1,500 gallons** monthly.
23. Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills.
24. Install a rain shut-off device on automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering.
25. Place accidentally dropped ice cubes into a house plant instead of down the sink.