

Water Conservation Tips

Save some water and save some money!



Inside the house:

- Install leak-resistant flappers in toilets, low-flow toilets, or flow-option toilets.
- Install low-flow shower heads and sink fixtures or use flow restrictors in fixtures.
- Front-loading, low water consumption washers save lots of water. Be sure to wash only full loads of laundry or make sure to set the water level of top-loading washers appropriately.
- Reduce showering times to minimize water usage and be sure to turn the faucet off when not immediately in use.
- Turn valves to toilets that are not used regularly OFF to prevent leakage. Turn off toilet valves when not at home to prevent water loss through free-flowing or periodically leaking toilet flappers.
- Reduce number of baths, close drain when adjusting temperature and only fill bath 1/3 full.

Outside the house:

- Reduce water use for car washing by using a trigger-style spray head that turns off automatically when not in use.
- Use a blower or broom to clear debris from drive and walkways.
- Avoid pressure washing unless absolutely necessary.
- Reduce the amount of water needed for landscaping by planting native or drought-resistant plants and grasses or succulents.
- Install auto-fill devices for pool fills to minimize losses due to overfills.
- Install rain sensors on irrigation systems to prevent watering during rain events.
- Water only when plants and grass really need the moisture, no more than three times per week. Overwatering promotes fungi and weeds in your lawn and can actually damage the lawn.
- The St. John's Water Management District recommends watering times as follows:

Head Type	Setting	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Spray	Ideal	25 min	15 min	0 min	20 min
Spray	Range	20-30 min	10-20 min	0-10 min	15-20 min
Rotor	Ideal	45 min	30 min	30 min	40 min
Rotor	Range	40-60 min	20-40 min	20-40 min	35-55 min

- Limit irrigation to night-time hours to prevent excessive evaporation while encourage maximum water benefit to grass and plantings.
- Adjust sprinklers at home and in the community to water only desirable vegetation, not driveways and walkways or rough areas. Be sure to check that all sprinkler heads are in place and working properly.
- Mulch well to conserve moisture around bedding plants.

When Traveling

Away From Home:

Be sure to leak-proof your home before you leave to save yourself money and hassles with repairs.

- If you will be traveling away from home for even one night, protect your home by turning the water OFF at the water meter that services your home.
- Turn off the entrance valve to your house. This is the valve at the point where the water line enters your home.
- Turn off the hot water heater at its circuit breaker and drain the tank to prevent corrosion of the heating elements. Sometimes pressure can building up in unattended hot water heaters and they can explode or crack, allowing massive amounts of water to flood your home.