

WATER CONSERVATION

SAVE WATER, MONEY, AND ENERGY NOW!

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With so many ways to save water, here are the highlights for 5 key actions to help you capture the water savings around your home. Remember, every drop counts!

1. Stop Those Leaks!

Many silent leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain. To help detect unseen leaks, go outside and locate your water meter, open the lid and look at the face of the meter. There will be a little red triangle (it could be a different color). If the triangle is turning and all the water is off in the home then you have a leak somewhere between the meter and your home. Contact your water department for help and information.

2. Replace Your Old Toilet!

If your home was built before 1992 and the toilet has never been replaced, then it is very likely that you do not have a water efficient 1.6 gallon per flush toilet. You can check the date stamp inside the toilet by lifting the lid and looking at the back of the toilet at the manufactures imprint of the make, model and date of manufacture.

3. Replace Your Clothes Washer.

Energy Star rated washers that also have a water factor at or lower than 9.5, use 35-50% less water and 50% less energy per load. This saves you money on both water and energy bills.

4. Plant The Right Plants With Proper Landscape Design & Irrigation.

Whether you are putting in a new landscape or slowly changing the current landscaping at your home, select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions. Having a yard that is 100% lawn in a dry climate uses significant amounts of water. Go online and research the plants that are available where you live!

5. Water Only What Your Plants Need!

Most water is wasted in your garden by watering when your plants don't need the water or by not maintaining the irrigation system. Be attentive if you are manually watering by setting your oven timer or some other way to remind you to move the sprinkler! Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shut-off device and that it is appropriately scheduled. Most water is wasted in months prior to or just after the rainy season when intermittent rains occur.

BE SURE TO CALL YOUR LOCAL WATER PROVIDER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND POTENTIAL INCENTIVES!

Have a GREAT HOLIDAY season, Sincerely Mark

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