



UTILITY CUSTOMER WATER CONSERVATION & WASTE DISPOSAL TIPS



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WATER CONSERVATION SUGGESTIONS

Water Saving Tips

When washing dishes by hand, **don't let the water run while rinsing**. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.



Take a shower instead of taking a bath. Showers with low-flow shower heads **use less water** than taking a bath.



Turn off the water while you wash your hair to **save** up to 150 gallons a month.



When washing the car, use a bucket of soapy water and turn on the hose **only** for rinsing.



Reduce the level of the water being used in a bathtub by one or two inches if a shower is not available.

Use a toilet tank displacement device such as a toilet dam or bag. Another alternative is filling a plastic bottle with stone or water, recapped, and placed in the toilet tank. These devices will **reduce** the volume of water in the tank but will still provide enough for flushing. Displacement devices are not recommended with new low-volume flush toilets.



Water Efficiency Tips



TEST

Test toilets for leaks. Add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. Watch to see if the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes. If it does, the toilet has a silent leak that needs to be repaired.



CHECK

Check for hidden water leakage such as a leak between the water meter and the house. To check, turn off all indoor and outdoor faucets and water-using appliances. The water meter should be read at 10 to 20 minute intervals. If it continues to run or turn, a leak probably exists and needs to be located.

EVALUATE

Be sure the water heater thermostat is not set too high. Extremely hot settings waste water and energy because the water often has to be cooled with cold water before it can be used.



PREVENT

Winterize outdoor spigots and faucets when cold temperatures arrive to *prevent* pipes from freezing and bursting.

PREVENTING SEWER BACKUPS

Best Practices

TOSS IT!

Do not flush unused medications or pour them down a sink or drain. Be proactive of unused medications in household trash to ensure you protect children and pets from potentially negative effects.

TOSS IT!

Empty washing machine lint into garbage. *Do not* empty lint into the sink or sewer line.



AVOID

Avoid drain clogs. Do not allow hair build up in shower, bathtub and wash basin drains.



STOP!

Do not put fats, oils, grease down your drain – Cause most drain and sewer line blockages – Grease is the major contribution of sewer, drain line blockages.

TOSS IT!

Do not flush diapers, sanitary napkins, newspapers, soiled rags or paper towels down toilets.



STOP!

Fats, oils and grease includes meats, sauces, gravies, salad dressings, deep fried dishes, cookies, pastries, cheese, butter and other food products. *Scrape* all food scraps and solids into garbage.



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