

Water Reduction Tips

- reduce the amount of water your toilet uses by using a toilet dam or flushing only when necessary.
 - shut off the tap or fill a cup full of water when brushing your teeth.
 - keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator rather than letting the water run down the drain until it is cold.
 - shower instead of taking a bath.
 - up to one-third of all water consumed in a home is by showering, so use a water-saving shower head.
 - fix dripping taps and leaking pipes
 - plug the sink while washing hands and if a person needs a shave, use the same water to rinse the razor.
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- turning off the tap while cleaning teeth and plugging the sink while shaving or washing can save up to 36,000 litres of water per year.
 - use the short cycle when washing only full loads of clothes or dishes that are not excessively dirty.
 - plug the sink when cleaning fruits and vegetables.
 - use a bucket and sponge or a hose with a shut-off nozzle when washing your car.
 - brush sidewalks and driveway instead of hosing them down.
 - catch rain water in a barrel and use it to replenish your garden.
 - water your lawn and garden less often - once every three to five days is sufficient.
 - water the grass early in the morning or later in the evening, to prevent evaporation.
 - water plants only as needed.
 - use a sprinkler that does not throw water high into the air where it can be evaporated or carried by wind.
 - all of these procedures reduce energy consumption by decreasing the power needed to treat clear water, process sewage and heat hot water.

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