

Indoor Water Conservation

1. Bathroom

Bathroom use accounts for about 75% of the water used inside the home. Here are some tips to decrease your bathroom water use:

- ◆ Replace older, larger use toilets with the newer ultra-low flush models.
- ◆ A low-flow showerhead can save about half the amount of water you typically use in the shower
- ◆ Turn the tap water off when brushing your teeth or shaving
- ◆ Do not use the toilet to dispose of paper, facial tissues or cigarettes



2. Kitchen

About 8% of in-home water use takes place in the kitchen. Here are some water saving tips for kitchen uses:

- ◆ A low-flow faucet aerator can cut water use in half
- ◆ Soak pots and pans before washing
- ◆ Fill basin or a pan with water to wash fruits and vegetables
- ◆ Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water until it is cool enough to drink
- ◆ Compost your food wastes rather than using the garbage disposal when possible
- ◆ When buying a new dishwasher, consider a water saving model. It can reduce water use by up to 25%.
- ◆ Wash only full loads in the dishwasher



3. Around the house



- ◆ A water-saving clothes washer can save up to 40% of the water used by a conventional model
- ◆ Insulate hot water pipes to avoid wasting water while waiting for the water to "run hot"
- ◆ Very hot water settings (higher than 125 degrees F) waste energy since the water must be mixed with cold water before use