



Water Wisely.

Lawn and garden watering make up as much as 30 to 50 percent of total household water use. Water your yard thoroughly, but only as needed—usually no more than 1 inch, once a week.* Consider using drip irrigation for plants and gardens, and water early in the morning to minimize evaporation.

**Always comply with your water system's water-use restrictions.*



Saving Water Saves Money.

Try these simple tips to help you conserve water and save money on your bill, too.

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Check Faucets and Toilets for Leaks.

A leaky faucet can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water per year. Toilet leaks: up to 73,000 gallons a year.

Install Water-Efficient Plumbing Fixtures and Faucet Aerators.

Water-efficient plumbing fixtures can reduce water consumption by 25 to 60 percent. Installing aerators will cut in half the amount of water used by each faucet.

Wash Full Loads of Laundry.

Washing only full loads of laundry can save up to 3,400 gallons of water each year. Need a new clothes washer? Invest in an Energy Star-qualified model, which typically uses 33 percent less water and 25 percent less energy per load.

Try a Native Landscape and Use Collected Rainwater.

Plants that are native to Texas typically require lesser amounts of water, pesticides, fertilizers, and maintenance. Collecting rainwater for landscape use is not only great for the plants, but can save you water and money.

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