



# 10 Ways to Conserve Water



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# Washing your hands

- Don't let the water run when you are washing your hands
- Run water at less than full flow when using



#1

# Flush the toilet only when necessary



- Don't use the toilet to dispose of trash or other waste
- Tissues and insects belong in a waste basket, not to be flushed down the toilet

# #2

# Take a shower instead of a bath



- A full bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water
- A five minute shower uses just 10-25 gallons
- Take shallow baths
- Shorten the duration of your shower

# #3

# Wash Dishes Wisely

- Run the dishwasher only when you have full loads
- Scrape dishes, don't pre rinse them
- When washing dishes by hand
  - Soak pots and pans before washing
  - Don't run the water continuously



# #4

# Yard Watering



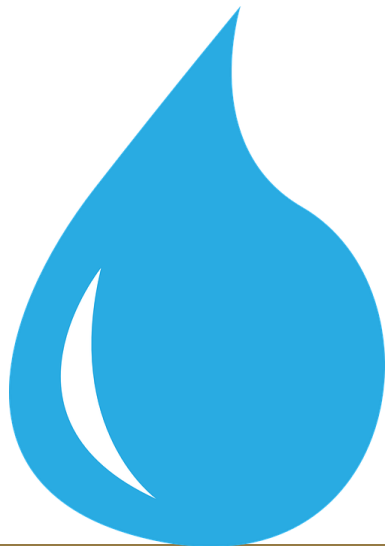
- Water plants and lawn early in the morning or in the evening, therefore the sun's rays are not working to evaporate the water
- Do not use a hose to remove debris from driveways and walkways, use a broom or rake

# #5

# Check faucets, toilets, and appliances for leaks



- Check faucets and pipes for dripping water.
- Replace washers, and repair or replace fixtures if needed



# #6

## Keep up with swimming pool and hot tub care

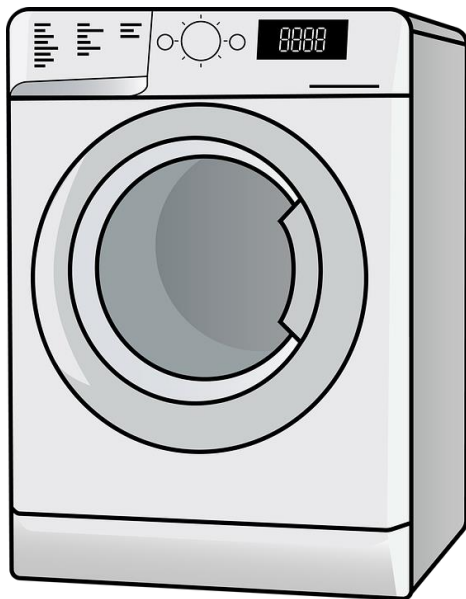


- Keep swimming pools covered when not in use to slow evaporation
- Do not overfill your swimming pool and hot tubs

#7



# Know the proper setting on your washing machine



- Match the settings to the size and soil level of each load.
- Presoak heavily soiled items

# #8

# Save water when preparing food

- Use a brush and bowl of water to clean food such as fruits and veggies, rather than letting the water run
- Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator or microwave, instead of under running water



#9



## Brushing teeth

- Turn off water while brushing your teeth in order to save water!



# #10