

5 water-saving tips:

1. Keep a pitcher in your fridge

Letting the tap run for one minute to get cold water can waste up to 3 gallons. Instead, fill a pitcher and keep in cold in your refrigerator.

2. Install a faucet aerator

An aerator, which restricts water flow, can cut your annual water consumption by up to 50%.

3. Use a dishwasher and don't pre-wash dishes

You'll use up to 35 percent less water by doing a full load of dishes, which haven't been pre-rinsed, in your dishwasher instead of by hand. You can also save about 15 percent on total dishwasher energy use if you select the air-dry setting or open the dishwasher's door instead of using its drying cycle.

4. Turn off the water when brushing your teeth

Running water uses 1-3 gallons of water a minute. Turning off the tap while your brushing your teeth, shaving or drying your hands can save between 5 and 15 gallons of water!

5. Install water saving fixtures

low-flow toilet only uses 1.6 gallons per flush, while a pre-1994 model requires about 3.5 gallons. If you keep your shower to seven minutes under a low-flow showerhead, you'll use about 14 gallons of water.

Rain Barrels

Using a rain barrel helps reduce the need to pull from drinking water to water plants. 625 gallons of water can be collected from a 1,000 sq.ft. roof after just one inch of rain!