

HOW YOU CAN CONSERVE WATER

- One of the simplest ways to conserve is by timing your showers.
- Fill your dishwasher completely as the amount of water used to wash a full load of dishes is the same as if you were to wash one glass.
- Run fewer loads of laundry by maximizing the washer capacity.
- A small thing like shutting the water off while brushing your teeth can save a great deal of water over a year's time.
- When shaving, pull the stopper up and use a small amount of water to rinse your razor instead of rinsing each time with running water.



One of the biggest offenders to water conservation efforts are the toilets and faucets that leak, sometimes continuously, at a very high rate. Toilets can be leaking in more than one way. The majority of the leaks are at the overflow pipe. The water level would be too high due to the arm of the plunger ball needing to be readjusted. A toilet overflow pipe can also leak at the bottom below the water level. The food coloring test works well for plunger ball leaks. The test is accomplished by adding a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank and see if the color shows up in the bowl. If it does, the plunger ball may need replacing or may need to be realigned. These repairs can be made by you as the homeowner or by a plumber. The cost of leaks is far greater than the cost of a plumbing call.



Conserving water is in everyone's best interest. Using any one or several of the conservation methods described above is a good way to conserve water.