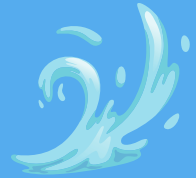


Simple Hacks to Save Water



Start with the little things!

Inexpensive changes that will make a big difference in conserving water



TOILET

Install a 'tank bank' and save at least 0.8 gallons per flush, which can save 10 or more gallons per day. (Be sure at least three gallons remains in the tank for proper flushing)



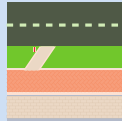
FLOW

Put aerators on faucets to reduce flow. You can save anywhere from 2 to 16 gallons of water per day based on the aerator you choose to install.



METER

Install a water meter to track usage and help identify leaks.



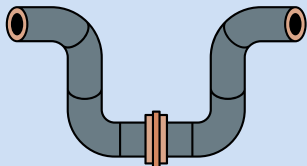
WALKWAYS

Brush leaves or stains on walkways with a broom first to loosen the dirt and grime before spraying with a hose



SHOWER

Inexpensive **low-flow showerheads** or restrictors are easy to install. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute.



PIPES

It's easy and inexpensive to **insulate your water pipes** with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.



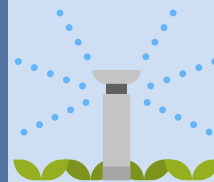
GARBAGE DISPOSAL

In-sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly and add to the volume of solids in a septic tank, which can lead to maintenance problems. Start a **compost pile** as an alternate method of disposing food waste.



RAIN

Use **rain barrels** or a catchment system to capture valuable rainwater from your roof. Plants prefer untreated water, so your garden will be healthier while you cut your water bill.



WATERING

Water landscapes in the morning or evening to reduce water loss due to evaporation. Avoid watering when it is windy. Make sure the sprinklers are watering grass, not cement.



LANDSCAPING

Landscape with native species. Northwest species are hardier in their native soil and you will not need to water them as often as some other more exotic plant species. Group plants according to their watering needs.