

SAVE WATER IN YOUR HOME



WHY SAVE WATER?

We depend on water for all aspects of life. We drink it, wash with it, flush with it and water our lawns and gardens. Although nature recycles our water, the supply of pure fresh water on our planet is limited. As the World demand for water rises, declining water tables, and prolonged droughts are shrinking the usable supply.

Canadians use more than twice as much water as Europeans. Here are some reasons you might want to use less water:

- to save money on your power bills
- to make your home sewage disposal system last longer
- to delay or prevent the expansion of wastewater treatment plants
- to save our water resources for future generations.

Water conservation lets us do all the things we did before... only with less water. It isn't difficult and it won't compromise your lifestyle. It's a matter of finding ways to stop wasting it.



HOW CAN WE SAVE WATER AT HOME?

Use the three Rs of water conservation: reduce, repair, and retrofit.

Reduce

It's surprising how much water gets wasted. We just let it run down the drain. Think about how much water you're using and look for ways to use less whenever you can. By making small changes to your habits, you can significantly reduce the amount of water you use. You'll be surprised how easy it is to save. Check the list on the back to see how to save water.

Repair

A tap leaking one drop per second wastes enough water to fill a bath tub every week. Most leaks are simple to find and easily fixed, at low or no cost. Regularly check toilets, pipes, and faucets for leaks and repair them immediately.

Retrofit

Retrofit means adapting or replacing an older, less-efficient fixture or appliance with one of the many water-saving devices now on the market.



WAYS YOU CAN SAVE AND PROTECT WATER

Here are a number of water saving and protection tips.

- Check indoor faucets for leaks. A leaking hot water tap wastes money and even small drips waste a lot of water.
- Keep showers to 5 minutes or less. Turn off the water to soap.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth.
- Use the dishwasher and clothes washer for full loads only.
- Keep a jug of water in the fridge.
- Use a broom to clean your driveway instead of a hose.
- Be careful to water the lawn, not the sidewalk.
- Water the lawn early in the morning to avoid evaporation.
- Check outdoor hoses and faucets for leaks.
- Use water only when you need it.
- Install low-flow toilets and showerheads and tap aerators.

HOW WE USE WATER AT HOME

