Resourceful ways to save water

- Stop leaks. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons a day. To check toilets for possible leaks place food coloring in toilet tank. Do not flush. There is a leak if color is seen in toilet bowl.
- Replace toilets and clothes washers if they are not water efficient. A 1.6-gallon-per-flush toilet is water efficient. Generally, toilets purchased after 1992 meet this standard. When doing laundry, match water level to load size.
- Turning off water while brushing teeth can save 25 gallons a month.
- Set a kitchen timer when watering the lawn or garden as a reminder to stop. A running hose can discharge up to 10 gallons a minute.
- Run dishwasher when full. It can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Check drain hoses on automatic water softeners. There is a leak if water runs into the drain while softener is not regenerating.
- Turning off water while shaving can save up to 300 gallons a month.
- Shortening a shower by a minute or two will save up to 150 gallons per month.
- By using a water-efficient showerhead, up to 750 gallons a month can be saved. They are generally inexpensive and easy to install.

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