

Top 10 Water Conservation Tips

1. Install a low-flow showerhead and take 5-minute showers. *Exchange your showerhead for a free 1.5 gallons per minute (GPM) massage showerhead at the City Hall Public Works counter. Ask for a free shower timer while you're there!*



2. Catch water in a watering can or bucket while waiting for water to get hot. Insulate hot water pipes so less water needs to run for hot water to reach the faucet. Keep a container of water in the fridge instead of letting it run to get cold.



3. Replace your pre-1992 toilet that uses 3.5 gallons per flush (GPF) or more with a high efficiency model that uses only 1.28 GPF or less per flush. *\$100 toilet rebates are available for EPA WaterSense labeled High Efficiency Toilets.*



4. Fix all leaky toilets, faucets, and pipes. *Free "Practical Plumbing" handbooks and toilet leak-detection dye tablets are available. Pick-up free low-flow aerators for your bathroom and kitchen faucets at the City Hall Public Works counter.*



5. Scrape plates and run the garbage disposer less frequently. Compost food scraps instead.



6. Turn-off water while brushing your teeth and shaving. Put a plug in the sink when shaving rather than rinsing the razor under running water.



7. Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines. *Two levels of rebates available: Up to \$50 or \$200 for qualifying high efficiency clothes washers. Go to <https://goo.gl/3dq5J2> or call (650) 616-7065.*



8. Reduce the size of your lawn and plant native, water-wise plants or use other water efficient landscaping. Use mulch and do not over-water landscaping. Check and adjust timers and sprinkler head every few weeks. *Request free brochures on lawn watering and native and water-wise landscaping. Go to <https://goo.gl/dZqz1c> to learn about the Lawn-Be-Gone water conservation program. Attend free Water-Wise Landscaping workshops. Look on-line or call for the workshop schedule.*



9. Use the hose with a shut off nozzle and a bucket of water to wash a car. Don't wash the car at home in your driveway where chemicals run off into the storm drain and pollute the Bay. Instead, take it to a commercial car wash or clean it on your lawn, gravel driveway, or other area that doesn't drain to the storm drain.



10. Sweep (never hose) driveways, patios, or sidewalks.

