

## How Can I Conserve Water?

Nearly 75% of water used indoors is in the bathroom with baths, showers and toilet flushing account for most of this. If you have a lawn, chances are that this is your biggest water use. Typically, at least 50% of water consumed by households is used outdoors. The City's Water Conservation Program has many publications that offers suggestions to help you conserve water. Some of these suggestions include:

### Personal Use Tips

Take short showers instead of baths

Run dishwashers and clothes washers with full loads only, or adjust water level to load size

Turn the water off when brushing your teeth or shaving

Keep a jug of cold water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run until cool

### Repair Tips

Install low-flow showerheads or flow restrictors

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers

Check your toilet for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If it shows up in the bowl, replace the flapper

Replace older toilets with new low-flow toilets or place a plastic jug filled with water in the tank to displace some of the water

### Outdoor Tips

When washing the car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.