



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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Follow these water conservation tips to reduce the amount of water you use and save money too! Minimize unnecessary water use to protect this valuable resource for today and the future!

EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER AT HOME

- **Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving!**
- **Install low flow toilets!**
- **Buy a high efficiency washing machine!**
- **Take shorter showers or install a water-saving shower head!**
- **Run dishwashers and washing machines only with a full load!**
- **Check for leaks in pipes and faucets!** Even a tiny leak in pipes, faucets or running toilets can result in an increased consumption and wasted water over a short period of time. Fix leaks immediately!
- **Check the toilet for leaks!** Leaking or running toilets can result in increased consumption which will cost you money and waste water unnecessarily.
- **Going away on vacation?** Put your hot water tank on vacation setting, if it has one, or reduce the temperature when you go away for holidays to save the cost of heating water while you are away. For peace of mind, shut off your water to prevent any worry of leaks while you are away.
- **Insulate!** During cold winter months your home's plumbing is susceptible to damage from freezing. Insulate the pipes beneath sinks, in crawl spaces or at the point where they enter the home using products specified for the appropriate use. During times of extremely cold weather leave cabinet doors open so that heat can circulate in these areas. Don't forget your water meter if it is in an area susceptible to drafts or if there is the potential of freezing.



OUTDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

- **Use mulch in your gardens!** Cover bare soil with mulch to hold moisture, keep roots cool and reduce weeds.
- **Winterize your outdoor water supply!** Turn off the outdoor water supply and drain outdoor taps before the first freeze to prevent pipes from bursting which can cause damage and waste water.
- **Harvest rain water!** Get a rain barrel or direct water from your downspouts into a garden. It's free and saves drinking water!
- **Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using the hose.**
- **Look to Mother Nature to water your lawn or garden.** Leave a measuring container in the yard to help monitor the amount of rainfall received each week. Make sure to empty the container once per week.
- **Water in the early morning,** before 9 am to reduce evaporation and scorching from the sun.
- **Water slowly** to avoid runoff and to allow the soil to absorb the water.
- **If you are using a sprinkler or hose, position it up to avoid any runoff on hard surfaces.**

PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY THROUGH CONSERVATION!!