

Conservation Tips: Inside the Home

- Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for cool water to flow.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.
- Insulate your water pipes. You will get hot water faster, and avoid wasting water waiting for water while it heats up.
- Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water houseplants.
- Wash clothes only when you have a full load and save up to 600 gallons each month.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You will save up to 1000 gallons a month.
- If the toilet handles frequently sticks in the flush position, letting water run constantly, **replace or adjust it.**
- **Make sure your home is leak-free.** How to tell? Check your water meter a few hours before and after during a span of time when you are certain that no water is being used. If the meter reading changed, you know you have a leak!