

# 25 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE WATER *INDOORS*

**1. Turn the water off while you're brushing your teeth.**

Instead, fill a glass and use that water to wet your brush and rinse your mouth. Doing this could save 9,100 litres of water per year, per person.

**2. Catch clean water from your kitchen faucet by keeping a small tub or bowl in the sink.**

Use this water on your houseplants. You can also collect the cold water in a bucket as you wait for shower water to heat up.

**3. Follow the odd/even watering schedule.**

If your address ends with an odd number, use water for your laundry and dishwasher only on odd-numbered days. The same rules apply for even numbers.

**4. Don't use the toilet as a trash can.**

Throw tissues, insects and other trash in the wastebasket, not the toilet.

**5. Store a pitcher of water in the refrigerator**

for drinking so you won't have to let the faucet run to get cold water.

**6. Use a small pan of water to wash, peel or clean vegetables**

rather than letting the water run.

**7. Limit your use of the garbage disposal**

as it requires a sizable amount of water to operate properly.

**8. Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods.**

Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.

**9. Install low-flush toilets in your home.**

These toilets use less than six litres of water and can save as much as 19 litres of water per flush compared to older models.

**10. Save water by limiting your shower**

to the time it takes you to soap up, wash down and rinse off.

**11. Check for toilet leaks,**

by putting a little food colouring in the tank. If the colour begins appearing in the bowl after a few minutes even without flushing, your toilet has a leak. Repair it immediately!

**12. Don't rinse dishes before loading them into your dishwasher.**

Use the rinse setting instead. Also, lessen the demand on our water system by doing your dishwashing at night which uses "off peak" electricity and water.

**13. Don't use your washing machine for one or two garments.**

Ensure you have a full load, or adjust the water level to suit your wash load.

**14. When buying a new washing machine, choose one that is water efficient.**

You could save a substantial amount of water, as well as money, over the life of the machine.

**15. Fill kettles only to the depth required.**

Boiling unused water wastes both water and energy.

**16. Cook food in as little water as possible.**

This will also retain more of the nutrients.

**17. Fix dripping faucets.**

A slow drip can waste 56 to 75 litres a day. Often you only need to replace a washer to stop a drip.

**18. When eating out, encourage restaurants to serve water only on request.**

**19. Never pour grease or oil down a drain.**

Besides clogging the drain, you'll use a great deal of water trying to wash the grease out of the pipes.

**20. Install water-saving shower heads.**

Using inexpensive, easy-to-install shower heads can reduce your water use by 50 per cent or more without reducing the pleasure of an invigorating shower.

**21. Verify that your home is leak free.**

Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

**22. Insulate your water pipes.**

You'll get hot water faster and avoid wasting water while it heats up.

**23. Encourage your school, employer and neighbours**

to help develop and promote a water conservation ethic among children and adults.

**24. Be aware of and follow all water conservation and water shortage rules**

in effect in our community. Even if you get your water from a private well, it's important that you observe good water use rules.

**25. Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. You can make a difference!**

**Every drop counts!**

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