



Be Water Wise

Conserve Water in the Bathroom

The bathroom offers huge water-saving opportunities. The following can help you save several gallons of water a day.

Check your toilets for leaks. A leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. To see if yours leaks, put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that needs to be repaired immediately. You can stop by NCWD's office to pick up free dye tabs to test your toilets for leaks.



Don't flush trash down the toilet. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other trash, you waste five to seven gallons of water.



Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank. To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill them with water and put them in your toilet tank, locate them safely away from operating mechanisms. In an average home, the bottles may displace and save ten or more gallons of water a day.

Turn off the water when brushing your teeth. There is no need to keep the water running. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.

Take shorter showers. Long, hot showers can waste five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off.

Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Stop by NCWD or your local hardware supply store for inexpensive water-saving showerheads or restrictors that are easy to install.