



Use Your WaterSense

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Fix that leak.

- 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, you probably have a leak.
- Faucets can drip at the rate of one drop per second, wasting more than 3,000 gallons of water a year.
- Toilets can leak at a rate of 200 gallons a day, which can add up to 73,050 gallons of water a year. To find out if you have a leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank. If the color shows in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

Give your shower power.

- Taking a five-minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons of water. Install a water saving showerhead to reduce the flow.
- A full bath tub requires about 70 gallons of water. Place a stopper in the drain immediately and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub to limit waste.

Turn it off.

- The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth saves up to eight gallons of water per day, 240 gallons a month, 2,880 gallons a year.

Make it a full load

- The average washing machine uses about 41 gallons of water per load. High-efficiency washing machines use less than 28 gallons of water per load.
- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate load size selection on the washing machine to save water.

Don't flush your money down the drain.

- If your toilet was made before 1993, you probably have an inefficient model that uses at least 3.5 gallons per flush. New high-efficiency models use less than 1.3 gallons per flush. Installing a new toilet could save a family of four more than \$90 on their water bill annually, \$2,000 over the lifetime of the toilet.

For more information on saving water visit www.ConserveWaterGeorgia.net and www.epa.gov/watersense.