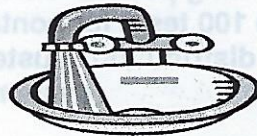
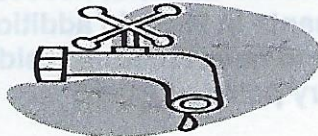


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Water Conservation Tips, Plus...



Water Saving Tips

- Turn off the faucet:
 - while brushing teeth;
 - while shaving (fill sink with water to rinse razor);
 - while cleaning vegetables (rinse them in a pan);
 - while soaping or shampooing in the shower;
 - while rinsing dishes (rinse in dishpan or sink)
- Take shorter showers, rather than baths
- Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water
- Place plastic jug or commercial dam in older toilets to reduce water for each flush
- Run washer and dishwasher with full loads
- Repair leaky faucets and toilets or replace with new water-saving models
- To water plants or gardens, collect:
 - dehumidifier water
 - water from hot tap while waiting for it to warm up
 - leftover water from drinking/cooking

Water Saving Tips Outside the Home:

- Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation
- Adjust lawn mower to a higher setting to promote water retention in the soil
- Cover swimming pool to prevent evaporation
- Use broom, not hose, to clean paved surfaces
- Landscape with native plants that require less care and water than ornamentals
- Use buckets to collect rainwater for watering plants or gardens, and washing cars - there are also many decorative collection devices for sale
- Position downspout extensions to let rainwater run to garden or lawn, not on sidewalk or street

Using Too Much Water?

Leaking **commodes** are the likely offender of high water usage (*followed closely by dripping faucets*). The gasket at the bottom of the tank can become rigid due to minerals and chlorine in the water. When no longer flexible, the stopper cannot seal properly and water slowly and quietly empties from the tank unnoticed. The tank will refill when the water level falls below the float level. Another culprit is the float itself, when it no longer shuts off the flow of water. These repairs are easily undertaken for a relatively low cost.

Free, ecologically-safe dye strips are available at the office for detecting these leaks. Drop a dye strip (or a few drops of food color) in the tank and wait 10-15 minutes; if color appears in the bowl, the tank is leaking.

If you have a drippy **faucet**, place a bowl or bucket underneath it until you can arrange for repairs. Use this for your pets, plants or cleaning.

Please notify the office if your primary contact telephone number has changed. We need this information in the event of an emergency, such as a water line repair or system failure, when a robotic calling system will contact you.

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