

Ready for more: *Low-cost home improvements*

❑ 6. Fix toilet leaks

Because toilet leaks can be silent, they often go unnoticed. Check to ensure the flush handle is working correctly, confirm the lift chain is not catching on anything, and verify the flapper is properly sealed. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water or more every day.



❑ 7. Install faucet aerators or reduced flow showerheads

Faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads are inexpensive and easy ways to lower your water use. Once installed these devices could save you as much as 2,900 gallons of water per year. Look for WaterSense labeled products.



Understand Your Bill

What does CCF mean on my bill?

Water is billed in hundreds of cubic feet and 1 CCF is equal to 748 gallons of water.

How is my wastewater cost determined?

Wastewater cost is based on your water usage. Every \$1.00 saved on water costs is equal to \$3.00 saved on wastewater charges.

Take Your Water Savings to the Max

The more steps you check off, the more you can save. Take the next step and keep more of your money where it belongs – in your pocket.

Visit www.savingsinthehouse.com for more information and advice, including workshop schedules!



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Do you worry about paying your utility bill each month? Simple changes to save water can save on both your water and wastewater costs.

Start following these easy tips to open the door for savings!

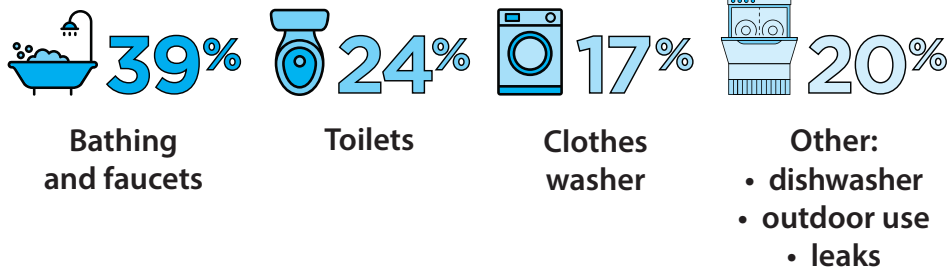
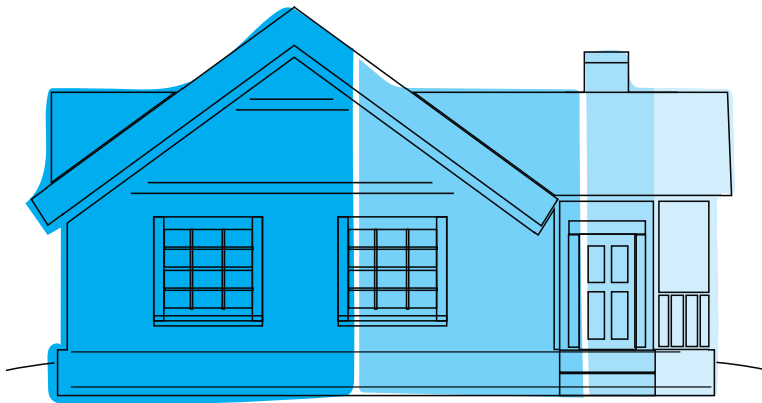


Starting TODAY, you can cut down your utility bill

without a lot of work or money on your part, and without your landlord or an expensive hired professional. By following some of these simple steps you can take control of your home's water usage and see the savings add up.

Take Control of Your Home's Biggest Water Users

Here's what uses the most water in your home.



Here's How

Start here: *No-cost actions*

1. Remember to turn off the faucet

Turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving could save you more than 200 gallons per month.



2. Try taking showers instead of baths

A shower typically uses 10-25 gallons of water, while a bath takes up to 70. Take the shower challenge, choose a 5 minute song (or shorter) to sing in the shower. When it's over, your shower is too.



3. Improve efficiency of every flush

The average toilet can use up to 7 gallons of water with each flush. You can put a plastic bottle or resealable bag filled with water in the corner of the tank to reduce the amount of water used per flush.



4. Use appliances efficiently

Only operate clothes and dish washers when they are full. Save money by using the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.



5. Conserve water in the yard

Since a great deal of water from sprinklers evaporates, water lawns and gardens in the cooler morning or evening hours, and try to limit this to two to three times a week.

