

WATER CONSERVATION IN THE HOME

Kentucky Division of Water

Conserving water at home will save you money on your utility bill and help your community avoid water shortages. Use these simple steps to start saving water today.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Run the dishwasher only when full to save water and energy
- Install a water and energy efficient dishwasher
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste
- Don't use running water to thaw out food. Defrost food in the refrigerator

IN THE BATHROOM

- Take shorter showers instead of a bath. A bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water
- Toilet leaks can be silent! Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year
- When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills
- Don't run the tap while you brush your teeth
- Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks!
- Consider buying a dual-flush toilet. It has two flush options: a half-flush for liquid waste and a full-flush for solid waste



IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

- Use the washing machine for full loads only to save water and energy
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load
- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves water and energy, and helps your clothes retain their color
- When shopping for a new washing machine, compare resource savings among Energy Star models

REFERENCES

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