

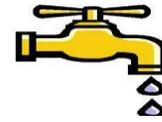
- Leak Size Chart**

The following chart shows the amount of water that can be lost (and billed to your account) for various size leaks.

Leak Size		Gallons Per Day	Gallons Per Month	Cubic Feet per Quarter
	A dripping leak consumes:	15 gallons	450 gallons	180 Cubic Feet
.	A 1/32 in. leak consumes:	264 gallons	7,920 gallons	3,168 Cubic feet
•	A 1/16 in. leak consumes:	943 gallons	28,300 gallons	11,319 Cubic Feet
•	A 1/8 in. leak consumes:	3,806 gallons	114,200 gallons	45,681 Cubic Feet
•	A 1/4 in. leak consumes:	15,226 gallons	456,800 gallons	182,721 Cubic feet
•	A 1/2 in. leak consumes:	60,900 gallons	1,827,000 gallons	730,800 Cubic

Saving water at home does not require any significant cost outlay. By installing simple items like toilet tank bladders or water filled jugs, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators \*You can retrofit your home for as little as \$10.

By using water-saving features like these, you can reduce your in-home water use by 35%. This means the average household, which uses 130,000 gallons per year, could save 44,000 gallons of water per year. On a daily basis, the average household, using 350 gallons per day, could save 125 gallons of water per day. The average individual, currently using 70 gallons per day, could save 25 gallons of water per day. All of this equates to savings to you on your water bills.



# LOWER YOUR WATER BILL!

Here are some ideas to lower your water bill by lowering your usage.

## In The Bathroom

- While waiting for hot water to come through the pipes, catch the cool, clean, water in a bucket or a watering can. You can use it later to water plants, run your garbage disposer, or pour into the toilet bowl to flush. (Can save up to 50 gallons a week per person.)
- \*Replace your regular showerheads with low-flow showerheads. (Can save up to 230 gallons a week).
- Keep your showers down to five minutes or less using a low-flow showerhead. (Can save up to 75 gallons a week per person.)
- Turn the water off while lathering-up in the shower. Then turn the water back on to quickly rinse. (Can save up to 75 gallons a week per person.)
- \*Replace your older model toilets with new ultra-low-flush models or retrofit with dual-flush conversion kit. (Can save up to 350 gallons a week.) If your toilet was installed before 1992, you can reduce the amount of water used for each flush by inserting a displacement device in the tank, such as plastic bottles or toilet tummy in your toilet tank. Fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on, and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. Or, you can buy an inexpensive tank bladder.

- Check your toilets for leaks. Drop a dye tablet or a teaspoon of food coloring (avoid red) in the tank. If color appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, you probably need to replace the "flapper" valve. (Can save up to 100 gallons a week for each repaired toilet.) Tablets are available FREE at City Hall.
- Don't run the water while brushing your teeth or shaving. (Can save up to 35 gallons a week per person.)

## In The Kitchen

- Hand wash dishes just once a day using the least amount of detergent possible. This will cut down on rinsing. Use a sprayer or short blasts of water to rinse. (Can save up to 100 gallons a week.)
- If you have a dishwasher, run it only when you have a full load. (Can save up to 30 gallons a week.) Use the "light wash" setting when possible.
- Consider buying a high efficiency dishwasher that will save water and energy.
- Scrape food scraps off dishes in the garbage can or rinse them off with very short blasts of water. (Can save up to 60 gallons a week.)
- Never use hot, running water to defrost frozen foods. Plan ahead and place frozen items in the refrigerator overnight or use the microwave oven. (Can save up to 50 gallons a week.)
- Rinse vegetables and fruits in a sink or a pan filled with water instead of under running water. (Can save up to 30 gallons a week.)
- Keep a jug of chilled water in the refrigerator for drinking to avoid running the water until it gets cold.

## Outdoors

- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher since longer grass reduces evaporation. Leave grass clippings on your grass, this cools the ground and holds in moisture.
- Never hose down your patio or balcony. Always use a broom or blower. (Can save up to 100 gallons a week.)
- Take your car to a car wash that recycles its wash water. If washing your car at home, use a bucket of water and sponge. Rinse quickly at the end. Never allow the hose to run continuously. (Can save up to 150 gallons a week.)
- Water your lawn and landscaping before dawn or after the sun sets when there's less evaporation. Adjust your sprinklers so they don't spray on sidewalks, driveway or street. (Can save up to 250 gallons a week.)

## Around The House

- Repair all leaky faucets, fixtures and pipes both inside and outside your home. (Can save more than 150 gallons for each leak.)
- Insulate your hot water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- When doing the laundry, never wash less than a full load. (Can save up to 100 gallons a week.)

**\*Water Saving Kit  
is available for purchase at City Hall**

You can purchase a water saving kit at City Hall for only \$10. The kit consists of a low-flow showerhead, low-flow aerator for a sink and a toilet tummy.