

## Residential Water Audit Tips



1. Checking For Leaks (Indoor and Outdoor)
  - Use dye tablets to check for toilet leaks (available at the Public Utilities office).
  - Turn off faucet and place a glass under the faucet, check the glass in 15 minutes. If you have even 1 cup of water, that can equal 300 gallons a month.
  - Inspect hoses and sprinklers to make sure there are no leaks.
  - Look for standing water in the surface near irrigation system spray head. If you see areas of the lawn that are a brighter green than others, you may have a leak.
2. Use Garbage Disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste and save gallons every time.
3. Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if closely clipped.
4. Use sprinklers for large areas of grass and water small spaces by hand. Also, make sure that you are watering the grass and not the driveway or patio.
5. Collect water from your roof in a rain barrel to water your garden.
6. Don't use running water to defrost food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
7. Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
8. Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.
9. When you give your pet fresh water, don't pour the old water down the drain. Use it to water plants, trees or shrubs.

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