

Conserving water can add up to big savings on your water bill. Here are a few irrigation tips and ways to use water wisely in your home:

## Lawn care and landscaping

- Remove weeds that steal water from other plants.
- To see if plants actually need water, test the soil several inches down near the base of the plant. Adjust your irrigation schedule accordingly.
- Water in shorter cycles to allow the moisture to soak into the ground instead of running off into the street.
- Add mulch to slow moisture evaporation and keep the soil and roots cooler.
- Water in the evening when it's cooler to minimize evaporation.

## Outdoors

- Use a broom instead of the hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Cover your pool or spa to reduce evaporation and check for leaks around the pumps.

## In the bathroom

- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and save 2–6 gallons per minute. Install a low-flow showerhead and save about 2 gallons per minute.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
- Check toilets for leaks and repair them quickly.