

# The *Do's* & *Don'ts* of Saving Water

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Water is a *precious* yet limited resource. *Conservation* is everyone's responsibility.

*Remember: Do one thing each day to conserve water. Every drop counts!*

## **Do:**

- 💧 Check your water meter to monitor water use.
- 💧 Keep drinking water in refrigerator for instant cool refreshment.
- 💧 Run dishwasher & washing machine only when full, using short cycle.
- 💧 Take shorter showers, instead of tub baths.
- 💧 Water houseplants with water used to wash fruits & vegetables or left over from waiting for tap water to heat up.
- 💧 Shut off landscape watering before runoff occurs.
- 💧 Repair leaky faucets; turn off taps tightly.
- 💧 Install water-saving toilets, showerheads and facet aerators.
- 💧 Install automatic rain-turnoff switches on your sprinkler system.
- 💧 Install an extra hot water heater for quicker hot water delivery.

## **Don't:**

- 💧 Let water run while washing dishes, washing foods, shaving, washing hands or brushing teeth.
- 💧 Fill bathtub to the top (stop at 1/2 full).
- 💧 Allow toilets to leak (find leaks and fix them).
- 💧 Use the toilet as a waste basket.
- 💧 Water lawns during heat of the day (water in early morning!).
- 💧 Use water to clean off sidewalks or driveways (sweep them clean).
- 💧 Put debris, yard clippings or leaves down storm drains.
- 💧 Pass up tax breaks for water-saving improvements (check with your local government.)