

## 101 Ways to Save Water

### Indoor Water-Saving Tips:

1. **Fix drippy faucets immediately.**
  2. **Install water-saving showerheads and faucet aerators.**
  3. **Put bricks or a plastic bottle in toilet tanks** to reduce water per flush.
  4. **Install dual-flush or low-flow toilets.**
  5. **Use cold water for all your laundry.**
  6. **Only wash full loads of laundry.**
  7. **Presoak heavily soiled items** to avoid multiple washes.
  8. **Set a timer for children's showers (3–4 minutes is plenty!).**
  9. **Take showers instead of baths.**
  10. **Use a timer on your water heater** to shut off at night.
  11. **Turn off the water while brushing teeth.**
  12. **Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge** instead of running the tap.
  13. **Use a basin for washing dishes instead of running water.**
  14. **Never run a half-full dishwasher.**
  15. **Replace your washer with a high-efficiency model.**
  16. **Wash clothes during off-peak hours** if your utility company offers lower rates.
  17. **Insulate hot water pipes.**
  18. **Turn off the water heater when out of town.**
  19. **Collect cold water in a jug while waiting for the hot water** for plants or cleaning.
  20. **Use a recirculating pump for instant hot water.**
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### Outdoor Water-Saving Tips:

21. **Water plants in the early morning or late evening.**
  22. **Mulch around plants to retain soil moisture.**
  23. **Plant drought-resistant native plants.**
  24. **Group plants by their watering needs (hydrozoning).**
  25. **Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater for outdoor use.**
  26. **Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down.**
  27. **Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation.**
  28. **Install a smart irrigation system with rain sensors.**
  29. **Avoid watering on windy days** to prevent evaporation.
  30. **Cover swimming pools when not in use.**
  31. **Choose grass varieties that require less water** (Bermuda, Zoysia).
  32. **Use a pool cover to prevent evaporation.**
  33. **Wash cars using a bucket instead of a hose.**
  34. **Plant shade trees to reduce evaporation from soil.**
  35. **Add a layer of compost to garden beds** to retain moisture
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### Water-Saving Appliance Tips:

36. Use high-efficiency appliances (washers and dishwashers).
  37. Clean refrigerator coils to prevent overuse of water from ice makers.
  38. Insulate hot water heaters and pipes.
  39. Switch to water-efficient toilets (2 gallons per flush vs. 15 gallons).
  40. Install aerators on every faucet.
  41. Upgrade to a tankless water heater for instant hot water.
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### Eco-Friendly Habits to Save Water:

42. Teach children to turn off taps tightly.
  43. Use a bucket to catch warm-up water from the shower for cleaning.
  44. Encourage kids to use a water timer during playtime outdoors.
  45. Compost food scraps instead of using a garbage disposal.
  46. Avoid using the toilet as a trash can.
  47. Use leftover cooking water to water plants.
  48. Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl of water, not under running water.
  49. Reuse pet water for plants.
  50. Collect and reuse water from dehumidifiers.
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### Technology and Tracking Tips:

51. Install a water meter to monitor usage.
  52. Use water leak detection devices.
  53. Check your water bill for unexpected spikes indicating leaks.
  54. Install smart water monitors that alert you to leaks.
  55. Use a water usage app to track daily habits.
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### Bathroom Water-Saving Hacks:

56. Place a water displacement bag in toilet tanks.
  57. Fix running or hissing toilets immediately.
  58. Reduce the water level in the bathtub for baths.
  59. Turn off water while shaving.
  60. Collect warm-up water from the shower for flushing the toilet.
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### Laundry Room Water-Saving Tips:

61. Wash full loads of laundry only.
62. Use cold water for all laundry cycles.

63. Reuse towels instead of washing after every use.
  64. Switch to a high-efficiency front-load washer.
  65. Collect rinse water from the washer to reuse for outdoor cleaning.
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 **Creative Gardening Water-Saving Ideas:**

66. Bury clay pots in the soil to provide slow-release water.
  67. Install ollas (clay watering vessels) for deep root watering.
  68. Plant ground cover to reduce soil evaporation.
  69. Create swales (shallow ditches) to catch rainwater.
  70. Use companion planting techniques to shade roots.
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 **Shower and Bath Water-Saving Tips:**

71. Turn off the water while lathering up.
  72. Replace long baths with quick showers.
  73. Collect bathwater to flush the toilet.
  74. Use a “navy shower” method (rinse, soap, rinse).
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 **Kitchen Water-Saving Tips:**

75. Don't rinse dishes before loading the dishwasher.
  76. Refrigerate drinking water to avoid running the tap.
  77. Use a single bowl for washing and another for rinsing dishes.
  78. Steam vegetables instead of boiling (uses less water).
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 **Smart Home Water-Saving Technology:**

79. Connect irrigation systems to weather-based controllers.
  80. Use faucet sensors to prevent leaving taps on.
  81. Invest in water-efficient ice makers.
  82. Install a home water recycling system.
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 **Car and Outdoor Equipment Water-Saving Ideas:**

83. Use a commercial car wash with water recycling systems.
84. Clean outdoor furniture with a damp cloth instead of hosing down.
85. Cover outdoor fountains to reduce evaporation.
86. Use a leaf blower instead of a hose to clear driveways.

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 **Water-Saving Lifestyle Changes:**

- 87. Reuse towels multiple times before washing.
- 88. Collect and reuse pasta cooking water for plants.
- 89. Wash produce in a bowl instead of under running water.
- 90. Avoid using water features like fountains during droughts.
- 91. Take your car to a self-serve car wash with a water reclamation system.
- 92. Use plant-based detergents that are greywater safe.

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 **Preventing Water Waste in the Home:**

- 93. Check for hidden leaks with the water meter test.
- 94. Shut off outdoor faucets tightly.
- 95. Drain water heaters annually to remove sediment and increase efficiency.

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 **Holiday and Travel Water-Saving Tips:**

- 96. Shut off the main water valve when traveling.
- 97. Program your irrigation to vacation mode.
- 98. Use slow-release watering stakes for plants when away.

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 **Money-Saving Water Utility Tips:**

- 99. Ask your utility company about rebates for water-efficient appliances.
  - 100. Enroll in a peak-hour savings program if offered.
  - 101. Join a water conservation challenge in your community.
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