Water-Wise Tips!
Below are some great water conservation ideas!

INDOOR

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let water run. Fill one side with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Dishwashers typically use less water than washing by hand. Energy Star dishwashers save more water and energy.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water daily, or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on glasses to wash.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Reuse leftover water from cooked or steamed foods to start a nutritious soup.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.
- Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables. Use it to water house plants.
- If your shower fills a gallon bucket in less than 20 sec., replace the showerhead with a WaterSense® labeled model.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons per month.
- Take 5 minute showers instead of baths. A full bathtub requires up to 70 gallons of water.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute.
- Turn off the water while washing your hair and save up to 150 gallons a month.
- When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
- Drop tissues in the trash instead of flushing them and save water every time.
- While you wait for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

OUTDOOR

- When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it most.
- Monitor your water bill for high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses.
- Run your washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water. Or, wash your car on the lawn.
- When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your plants.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways, and save water every time.

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