



## WATER SAVING PRACTICES

1. Perform periodical maintenance on pipes, valves and faucets to eliminate leaks.
2. Place weights or counter ballasts in the tank of your toilet. This will reduce the volume of water used with each flush. An easy way to do this is by filling a plastic bottle with sand or water.
3. Separate your clothes before washing. In this manner you will optimize the performance of your machine and reduce the amounts of water and detergent needed.
4. Use a bucket when you wash your car. Or, when using a hose, be sure to have a shut off valve on the end, such as the "pistol" type. This will permit you to control and regulate the pressure and amount of water used.
5. For populations living near springs, it is recommendable to keep the areas surrounding these natural treasures "green". It is important to remember that even if we have our own spring and source of water, that this does not give license to waste water. Remember that water is an exhaustible recourse.
6. Take advantage of rain water by using catchment buckets or tanks. Be sure to use this water as soon as possible to reduce the possibilities of creating a breeding ground for insects and parasites.
7. Never, for any reason, pour any contaminant into rivers, springs or streams. Report any illicit actions that threaten the integrity of water recourses that we proudly conserve.
8. If you have green areas that require watering, be sure to do this in the evening hours, or during the night to avoid waste due to evaporation. It is recommendable to use sprinklers or drip irrigation.
9. Keep records of your water consumption. Even if you have a private source of water, install a meter that registers your monthly water consumption. This data can give you important information for proper control.
10. Reuse the water from your washing machine to clean your floors, garage, or walls.

*"70% of our planet is covered in water, but only 3% of this is fresh water and only 1% is available for human consumption."*

**Do not waste water!**

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