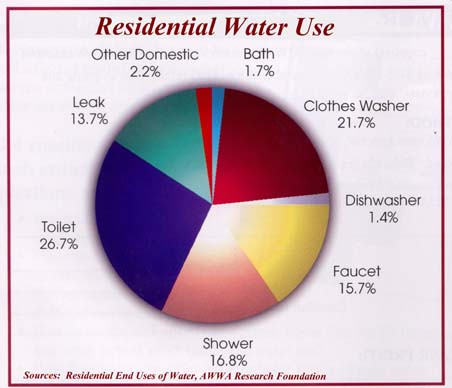
Water Conservation Tips

Summer Water Conservation Tips

* Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money
* Check the root zone of your lawn or garden for moisture before watering using a spade or trowel. If it’s still moist 2 inches under the soil surface, you still have enough water. (you can also check this by sticking your finger into the ground).
* Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden to remind you when to stop. A running hose can discharge up to 10 gallons a minute.
* Use sprinklers that deliver big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller water drops and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground
* Water only when necessary. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering.
* Dethatch and aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots rather than run off the surface.

General Water Conservation Tips

* Avoid using the toilet as a trash can for facial tissues, etc.
* Take shorter showers and turn off the shower while soaping
* Install low flow aerators and shower heads
* Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving
* Run dish washers and clothes washing machines only when full and use the proper water level or load size selection on the washing machine
* Repair leaking faucets and toilet (a leaking toilet can waste 200 gallons a day)
* Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink
* Use a dishpan or plug the sink when rinsing fruits and vegetables. This water can then be used to water plants.
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* Add your garbage to the trash instead of putting it down the garbage disposal. Disposals use a great deal of water and add unnecessary solids to the sewer or septic system.