

Willow Park



Texas

Water Conservation Tips

Household hints to conserve water and money

Why conserve?

Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. Using less water also puts less pressure on our sewage treatment facilities, and uses less energy for water heating.

What Can I Do?

There are many effective ways to conserve water in and around your home. Look through the list below for ways that will work for you.

Ten ways that will save the most:

1. water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back, when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. So set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. **Saves 750 – 1,500 gallons** per month. Better yet in times of drought, water with a hose.
2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. **Saves 20 gallons** per day for every leak stopped.
3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. **Saves 150 gallons** each time. For a two-car family that's **up to 1,200 gallons** a month.
4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. **Saves 500 to 800 gallons** per month.
5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. **Saves 300 to 800 gallons** per month.
6. Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can **save up to 700 gallons** per month.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. **Saves 150 gallons** or more each time. At once per week, that's **more than 600 gallons** a month.
8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. **Saves 400 to 600 gallons** per month.

9. Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. **Saves 200 to 300 gallons** per month.

10. Don't water your sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs—and only there. **Saves 500 gallons** per month.

Other help full conservation tips include:

Outside:

1. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss or gravel slows down evaporation. **Saves 750 to 1,500 gallons** a month.
2. If you have a pool, use a cover to cut down on evaporation. It will also keep your pool cleaner and reduce the need to add chemicals. **Saves 1,000 gallons** a month.
3. Water during cool parts of the day. Early morning is better than dusk since it helps prevent growth of fungus. **Saves 300 gallons.**
4. Don't water the lawn on windy days. There's too much evaporation. **Can waste up to 300 gallons** in one watering.
5. Cut down on watering on cool and overcast days and don't water in the rain. Adjust or deactivate automatic sprinklers. **Can save up to 300 gallons** each time.
6. Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation. **Saves 500 to 1,500 gallons** each month.
7. Drive your car onto a lawn to wash it. Rinse water can help water the grass.
8. Tell your children not to play with the garden hose. **Saves 10 gallons** per minute.
9. If you allow your children to play in the sprinklers, make sure its only when you're watering the yard—if its not too cool at that time of day.
10. Dispose of hazardous materials properly! One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water, effectively eliminating that much water from our water supply.

If you have any questions you can contact the water department at 817-441-2858.

Thank you for your help in conserving a precious resource.