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## Super Easy Home Hacks to Help Conserve Water

The average household uses around 130,000 gallons per year, or 350 gallons per day. Whether your goal is to reduce your water bill or be more environmentally friendly, or both, simply by implementing some easy water-saving features around your home there is a potential to reduce water use by upwards of 35%, translating to as much as 44,000 gallons of water per year. Besides the obvious solution of installing more efficient toilets, appliances, and shower heads, here are a few additional quick, easy, and fairly inexpensive ways to add to the conservation efforts:

**Put a plastic bottle (or two) in your toilet tank:** Put an inch or two of sand or pebbles in the bottom of a one-liter bottle then fill the rest of the bottle with water to weight it down and put it in your toilet tank. Be sure it is safely away from the operating mechanism of your toilet. In the average home, this easy hack may save five gallons or more of water every day without harming the efficiency of the toilet. If your tank is big enough, you may even be able to put in two bottles.

**Install Aerators in Household Faucets:** This easy home water conservation method is very low cost and has a huge return on investment! A simple low-flow aerator saves water in the bathroom, while a swiveling aerator can serve multiple purposes in the kitchen. When buying low-flow aerators, be sure to verify the actual 'gpm' (gallons per minute) rating. Often, the big box retailers promote "low-flow" which are rated at 2.5 gpm, which is at the top of the low-flow spectrum. This may be needed for the kitchen sink, but a 1.5 gpm aerator works fine for the bathroom sink and most other interior water outlets, delivering the same spray force in a comfortable, soft stream.

**Cover Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs to Reduce Evaporation:** Swimming pools and hot tubs can lose an inch or more of water each week to evaporation, especially in our arid climate. Temperature, humidity, wind, and the way the pool is situated can all affect how quickly water evaporates. Covering your pool and hot tub can save hundreds, if not thousands of gallons of water each year.

**Deep-Soak Your Lawn:** When watering the lawn, it's most efficient to do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems. Most lawns need about an inch of water each week to stay healthy. Monitor how much rain, if any, fell and then adjust your sprinklers or hand watering accordingly to maximize your water usage. If you don't have a rain gauge, try putting an empty tuna can on your lawn – when it's full, you've watered about the right amount. Additionally, it's always best to water in the early morning when it's coolest to prevent unnecessary evaporation.



For information about your water quality and much more, be sure to check the FAQ section of our website.

**TRANSPARENCY NOTICE:** Board Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday at 2:00 pm via Zoom and the public is always welcome.



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