

## Check for Leaks!



Little leaks can add up to a big problem. A small drop can waste 70 gallons of water in a day. A steady leak can waste more than 1,000 gallons per day. Finding and fixing leaks is a great way to conserve water.

- Listen for running water when plumbing fixtures are closed and water-using appliances are off.
- Check all faucets and showerheads inside of your house for visible leaks.
- Look outside at any taps, pipes or hoses. Check to make sure there are no wet areas that haven't been watered.
- To see if your toilet leaks, place food coloring in the tank (back part). Wait 15 minutes without flushing. If color seeps into the bowl (bottom part) there is a leak. Flush the toilet after the test to prevent staining.

Many leaks are simple to fix. A home improvement store or EPA's Water-Sense website ([http://www.epa.gov/watersense/our\\_water/howto.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/howto.html)) are good places to start.

Do you want to learn more ways to conserve water or find out how much water you use? The following websites can help you calculate water use and have additional resources for saving water:

<http://www.saveourh2o.org/>

<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>



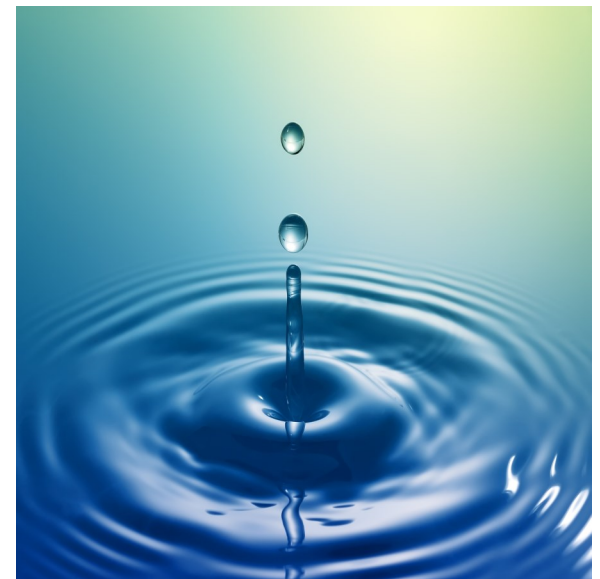
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# Water Conservation for Your Home



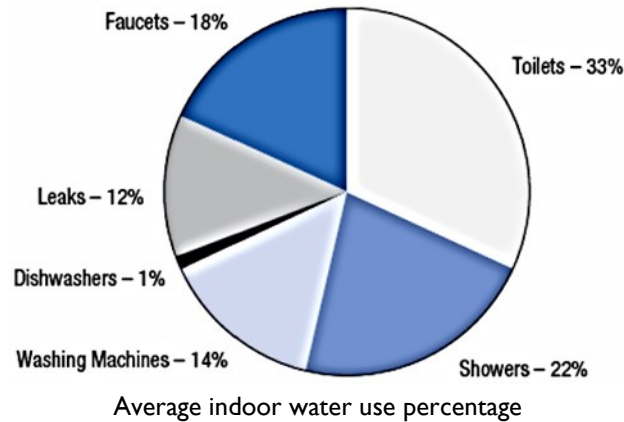
# Water is an important resource that we should constantly work to protect and conserve.

We all use water every day - from our shower in the morning to the glass of water we have before bed. The average Californian uses over 190 gallons of water each day. This about the same amount of water that would fill 4 average sized bathtubs. Water is essential for many things we need in life so it is important for all of us to work together to make sure there is enough quality and quantity of water for all of



the necessary uses. Small adjustments to ways you use water in your home can contribute to big savings on water. Making water conservation practices a regular habit can help protect water regardless of whether it is a drought or wet year. Since we don't get that much water here at Morongo, we need to conserve what is available. The following tips can help you save water through easy actions.

## INDOORS



- Use the washing machine or dishwasher for full loads only to save water and energy.
- When buying new appliances, look for water efficient models.
- Install a low flow showerhead.
- Take less time in the shower.
- Fill the bathtub up halfway or less.
- Install a high-efficiency toilet.
- Install aerators on bathroom faucets.
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Don't use the toilet to flush trash.

## OUTDOORS

- Water your lawn only when it needs it and water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house or street.
- Put a layer of mulch around plants and choose efficient irrigation.
- Use a broom to clean outside rather than a hose.
- Wash cars with a bucket, sponge, and hose with a nozzle that shuts off or take your car to the carwash.
- Install a pool/spa cover to reduce evaporation.
- Plant native plants that are suited to Morongo's climate and don't need a lot of water.

