

## Residential Water Audit Tips



1. **Checking For Leaks (Indoor and Outdoor)**
  - Use dye tablets to check for toilet leaks (available at the Public Utilities office ).
  - Turn off faucet and place a glass under the faucet, check the glass in 15 minutes. If you have even 1 cup of water, that can equal 300 gallons a month.
  - Inspect hoses and sprinklers to make sure there are no leaks.
  - Look for standing water in the surface near irrigation system spray head. If you see areas of the lawn that are a brighter green than others, you may have a leak.
2. **Use Garbage Disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste and save gallons every time.**
3. **Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if closely clipped.**
4. **Use sprinklers for large areas of grass and water small spaces by hand. Also, make sure that you are watering the grass and not the driveway or patio.**
5. **Collect water from your roof in a rain barrel to water your garden.**
6. **Don't use running water to defrost food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.**
7. **Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.**
8. **Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.**
9. **When you give your pet fresh water, don't pour the old water down the drain. Use it to water plants, trees or shrubs.**

For more Water Conservation Tips

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