

How to save water



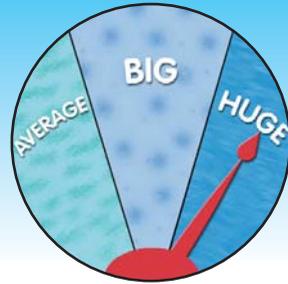
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The Water Wizard's Guide to Water Conservation

Start saving water today!



Remember these tips to save the most water and money on your water bill:

- 💧 Water your lawn and garden only when it needs it
- 💧 Reduce the water required to flush the toilets
- 💧 Don't flush wastepaper
- 💧 Take shorter showers
- 💧 Repair leaks
- 💧 Operate appliances at full loads
- 💧 Install low-flow toilets and shower heads
- 💧 Cover your pool to reduce evaporation loss



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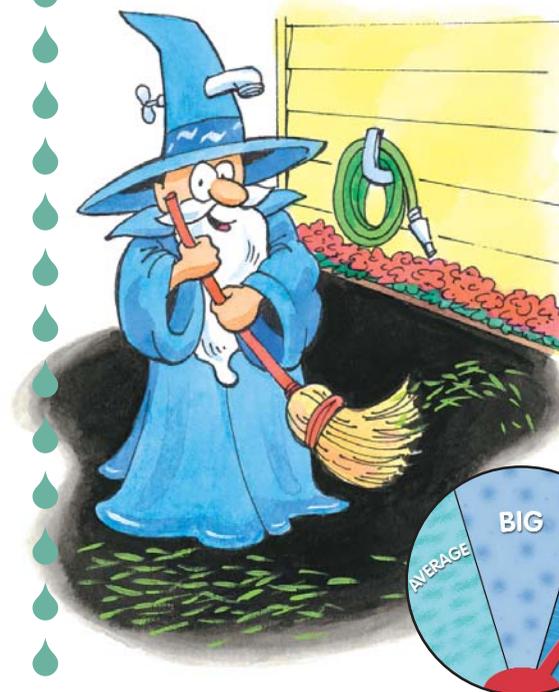
Saving water is everybody's business.

Let's see some of the easy things you can do to save water... keep your eye on the water savings meter for really HUGE savings!



outdoors

In the U.S., 50 to 70% of home water is used to water lawns and gardens.



- Remember the "one-inch rule"... Lawns, shrubs, and most vegetables and flowers only need one inch of water per week...
Don't over water.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it.
Reduce evaporation from wind and temperature, by watering before 10 a.m.
- Mulch to retain moisture in the soil.
- Cover your swimming pool.
Evaporation savings: up to 35 gallons per day.

Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks.
Five minutes hosing wastes about 25 gallons of water.

in the bathroom

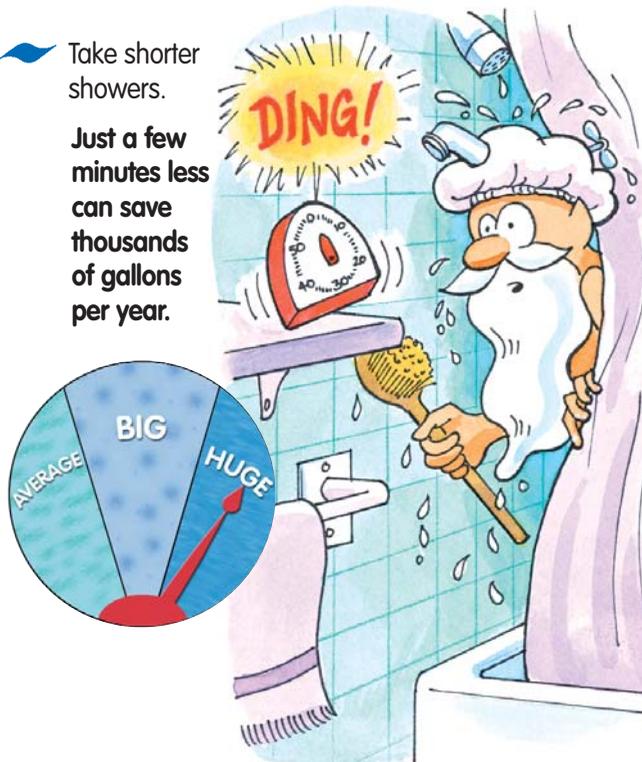
As much as 40% of the water used in the home is used for flushing the toilet!

- Install ultra-low volume toilets or install tank dams to reduce water flow.
Savings: 3-5 gallons per flush.
- Don't flush wastepaper!
Savings: 1.5-7 gallons per flush.
- Check toilets for leaks. Food coloring or dye tablets* in the tank can easily show if you need to replace an inexpensive flapper or flush valve.
Fixing leaks saves hundreds of gallons per year!

Baths and showers can consume as much as 30% of the water used in the home.

- Install inexpensive, water-saving shower heads.
Savings: 2-5 gallons per day per shower.

- Take shorter showers.
Just a few minutes less can save thousands of gallons per year.

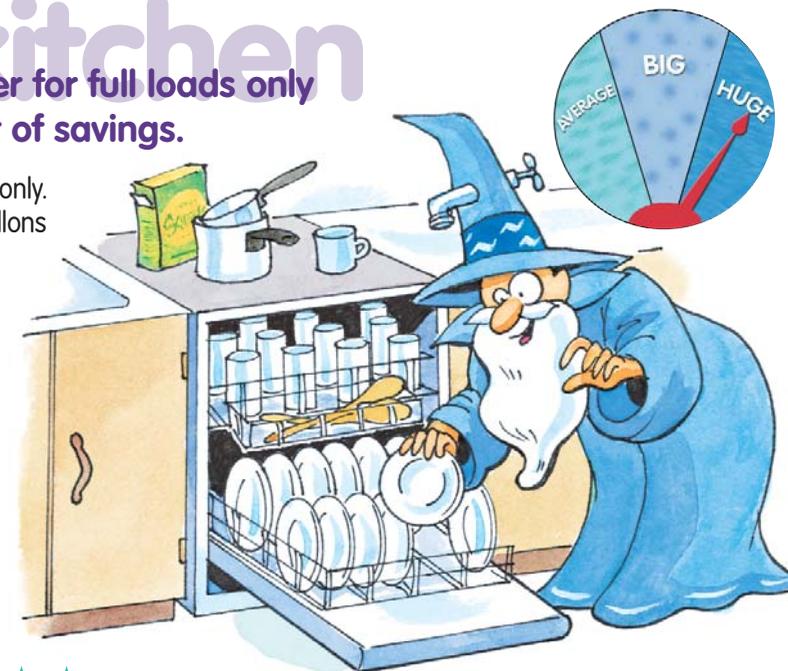


*Visit www.nwwater.com for FREE dye tablets!

in the kitchen

Use your dishwasher for full loads only for the most impact of savings.

- Use your dishwasher for full loads only. Regular cycles require about 12 gallons of water.
Savings if running full loads: Over 500 gallons per year.
- Don't leave the water running when rinsing dishes by hand.
Savings: 1-3 gallons per day.
- Check faucets and piping for wasteful leaks.
Savings: 1-7 gallons per day.



in the laundry room

As much as 20% of the daily water usage in your home can be used to wash clothes.

- Use your washing machine for full loads only. A regular cycle uses 40-46 gallons of water.
Savings: up to 100 gallons per week!
- When you wash smaller loads, **adjust the water level**, if possible.
- Front loading machines reduce the amount of water required per washload.
Savings of about 15 gallons per load.



"You can also do a lot of little things to save water. Check out my Web site at www.nwwater.com for more helpful tips. Together, we CAN make a difference!"