

LANDSCAPE WATERING

Average Hose	10 Gallons per minute
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CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Water before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.
- Avoid watering on windy days
- Water in several short sessions rather than one long one.
- Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, which increases evaporation
- Make sure your sprinkler is placed so it only waters the lawn, not the pavement.
- Water trees and shrubs which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants which require smaller amounts of water more often.
- Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems.
- Raise your lawn mower cutting-height—longer grass blades help shade each other, cut down on evaporation, and inhibit weed growth.
- Use hose washers between spigots and water hoses to eliminate leaks.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hoses can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours, so don't leave the sprinkler running all day or night.
- Check all hoses, connectors and spigots regularly.
- Plant during Spring or Fall when the watering



CONSERVATION TIPS

- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks,
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk.
- Wash produce in partially filled sink or pan.
- Reuse the water that you washed produce in for watering houseplants.
- Install low-volume toilets.
- Buying a new appliance? Choose water saving models.



- Don't water your lawn on windy days.
- Make sure there are aerators on all of your faucets.
- Use hose nozzles, do not let your hose run.
- Wash your car on the grass. This will water the lawn at the same time.



- Avoid installing ornamental water features, fountains etc unless the water is being recycled.
- Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, and then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- Insulate hot water pipes so you don't have to run as much water to get hot water to the faucet.
- Install a water efficient showerhead.
- Doing Laundry, match the load size with the water level.



Town of Superior

WATER

LEAKS

AND

CONSERVATION



INFORMATION

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WATER LEAKS

COST YOU MONEY



TOILET LEAKS

A leaking toilet can waste (sometimes much more) 200 gallons of water per day/ 6200 gallons of water per month/ 74,400 gallons of water per year or \$121.27. To check for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Wait 15 minutes to see if the food coloring shows up in the bowl without flushing. If color shows up, it is indicating that the plunger ball (in your tank) is not “seating” or sealing the outlet to the bowl. Try adjusting the alignment. If this does not work the plunger ball or the valve seat may need to be replaced. Toilets often have water wasted through overflow in the tank. If yours overflows, try to bend the arm until the valve shuts off about 1/2 inch below the overflow.



A leaking toilet flushes away money.

LEAKS

DRIPPING FAUCET—DRIPPING AT THE RATE OF **ONE DROP** PER SECOND, CAN WASTE 2,700 GALLONS PER YEAR OR \$4.40

DRIPPING FAUCET—A SLOW STEADY DRIP (2 GALLONS PER HOUR) 48 GALLONS PER DAY/1460 GALLONS PER MONTH/17,520 GALLONS PER YEAR OR \$28.56

REPLACEMENT OF WASHERS WILL STOP THE LEAKS



BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LEAKS IN OUTDOOR FAUCETS, PIPES, AND HOSES

LISTEN FOR DRIPPING FAUCETS AND TOILETS THAT FLUSH THEMSELVES.

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR MASTER WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE IS LOCATED. THIS COULD SAVE GALLONS OF WATER AND DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME IF A PIPE BURSTS.



EVERYDAY USES	NORMAL USE	CONSERVATION TIPS
SHOWERING	Running shower 5 minutes 20 gallons	Take 5 minute showers 21-26 gallons saved per shower
BRUSHING TEETH	Running tap 5 Minutes 10 gallons	Tap off while brushing-- 4-10 gallons saved each day
TAKING A BATH IN TUB	Full tub 36 gallons	Fill tub ¼ to ½ full 18-27 gallons saved
SHAVING	Running tap 5 minutes 10 gallons	Fill Basin 9 gallons saved
WASHING DISHES	Running tap while washing 30 gallons	Washing dishes and Rinse in Sink 25 gallons saved
AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER	Full Cycle 15-30 gallons	Short Cycle 10-25 gallons saved
WASHING HANDS	Running tap 2 gallons	Fill Basin 1 gallon saved
FLUSHING TOILET	5-7 gallons each time	Water Displacement Containers 1 gallon saved
WASHING MACHINE	Full cycle, top water level 40-60 gallons per load	Short cycle or medium water level 13-33 gallons saved
LANDSCAPE WATERING	Average hose and pressure 10 gallons per minute	Water during cooler part of day
COOKING	Full Day 3-5 gallons	No change