

How to Save Water

Looking for some easy ways to shrink your water footprint?

Here is a collection of the best tips to help you cut back on your water use.

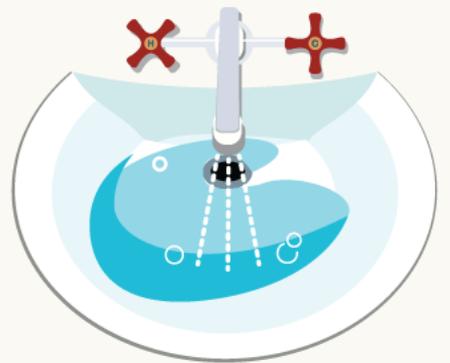


STEP 1 CHANGE YOUR DIET.

It takes water –a lot of it– to grow, process, and transport your food. When you eat lower on the food chain, consume more whole foods, and waste less food, you also save water.

STEP 2 CUT INDOOR WATER USE.

Every day, you rely on water for a wide variety of uses around the house. There are lots of opportunities to cut back on water use in the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room and even by fixing leaks.



STEP 3 USE LESS WATER OUTDOORS.

Of all the residential water we use in the U.S., on average we use about one-quarter outdoors. In some Western states it's half to three-quarters, primarily for lawns and gardens. A few simple steps can reduce your outdoor water consumption, so tighten those taps, eliminate those leaks, and use water wisely.



STEP 4 SAVE ENERGY, SAVE WATER.

Water and energy are linked. It takes water to make energy (electricity and transportation fuels), and it takes energy to move heat, and treat water. When you save energy, you also save water.



STEP 5 CHANGE BUYING HABITS.

Practically everything you buy, use, and consume has a water footprint because it took water to process and transport it. Being thoughtful about purchases, reusing where you can, and recycling can reduce your water footprint.

