



# Top 5 Ways to Save Water Indoors

**1** *Take shorter showers.* At five to 10 gallons a minute, a 10-minute shower can use as much as 100 gallons of water. Limit your shower to the time it takes to: 1) soap up, 2) wash down and 3) rinse off. (You might even consider turning the water off during step two.)

**3** *Install water-saving showerheads.* Hardware and plumbing supply stores sell inexpensive, easy-to-install showerheads that can reduce your water use by 50 percent or more without reducing the pleasure of an invigorating shower. Look for a low-flow showerhead that uses three gallons a minute or less.

**5** *Fix dripping faucets.* A slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Often you only need to replace a washer to stop a drip.

**2** *Check for and repair toilet leaks.*

Toilets are notorious for their leaks, sometimes wasting as much as 100 gallons of water a day. Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the bowl shows traces of food coloring 10 or 15 minutes later (without flushing), you have a leak. Remember, flapper valves need to be checked at least once a year.

**4** *Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.* Every time you flush the toilet to dispose of cigarette butts, tissue, bugs or bits of trash, you are wasting water.

