

# Water

## EFFICIENCY

NAVY Energy  
Awareness

Ten Ways to  
Save Energy



1. Repair leaky faucets promptly. One faucet leaking one drop per second can waste 2,400 gallons of water a year. That's 13 years worth of drinking water for one person.
2. Install low-flow shower heads, toilets and aerators on kitchen and bathroom sink faucets to save water. They will cut water usage by as much as 280 gallons a month for a typical family of four.
3. Shorten your showers. Each minute less you run the shower you could save from 2.5 to 5 gallons, depending on the type of showerhead you have.
4. Fill a basin when you wash the dishes by hand instead of letting the water run. You could save up to 25 gallons of water each time you wash dishes.
5. Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth. You could save as much as 9 gallons each time you brush.
6. Fill the basin when you shave instead of keeping the water running. You'll use only 1 gallon of water instead of up to 15 gallons.
7. Repair "silent leaks" in the toilet. If food coloring put in the tank ends up in the bowl without flushing, it leaks. Repairing the leak will save up to 200 gallons of water a day.
8. If you need to rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher, use cold water. Run the dishwasher with a full load, not partial (do the same with laundry).
9. For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. Save hundreds of gallons over the course of a year by not letting water run down the drain.
10. When landscaping use drought-resistant plants. Check the drought tolerance of plants by reducing the amount of watering a few minutes a day (or cut one day a week) to see how well they do.