

# Water Conservation

## Easy Ways to Save Water Inside Your Home

### In the Kitchen:



- ◆ Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- ◆ Scrape, don't rinse, dishes before loading in the dishwasher.
- ◆ If washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running.
- ◆ Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.
- ◆ Store drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run while you wait for cool water to flow.

### In the Laundry Room:

- ◆ Use the appropriate water level for the load of laundry you are washing.
- ◆ Use the shortest wash-cycle for lightly soiled clothes.
- ◆ Check all hoses regularly for leaks.



### In the Bathroom:



- ◆ Turn off the water while you brush your teeth, wash your face, or shave.
- ◆ Install low-flow showerheads and toilets.
- ◆ Flush less – the toilet is not a trashcan.
- ◆ Take shorter showers.



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## Easy Ways to Save Water in Your Backyard

### Lawn and Garden:



- ◆ Water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. to reduce evaporation.
- ◆ Use sprinklers with automatic timers and rain sensors.
- ◆ Adjust sprinklers so you only water the lawn, not the street or sidewalk.
- ◆ Implement Florida Friendly Landscaping™ and reduce the need for irrigation.
- ◆ Follow lawn and landscape irrigation measures.

### Additional Tips:

- ◆ Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater to water your plants.
- ◆ Fertilize only when needed using a “slow release” fertilizer.
- ◆ Adjust the height of lawnmower blades for the type of grass being cut. Shorter grass requires more water.

#### Turf Grass Mowing Heights

Bahia	3.0 – 4.0"
Centipede	1.5 – 2.5"
St. Augustine	3.5 – 4.0"
Zoysia	1.5 – 2.5"



### Cleaning:



- ◆ Wash your car on the grass. This will also water your lawn and prevent wasteful runoff.
- ◆ Equip your hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle.
- ◆ Use a broom, not a hose, to clean your driveway, sidewalk, and porch.



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