20 Simple Ways to Conserve Water

1. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways, and save water every time.

2. Wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.

3. Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time.

4. Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while underwatering others.

5. For hanging baskets, planters and pots, put ice cubes on top of the soil to give your plants a cool drink of water without overflow.

6. Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

7. Don't use running water to thaw food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator.

8. Upgrade older toilets with water-saving WaterSense labeled models.

9. If your toilet flapper doesn't close properly after flushing, replace it.

10. Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons per month.

11. Toilet leaks can be silent! Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year.

12. When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills.

13. Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor and save up to 300 gallons a month. 14. Install water-saving aerators on all your faucets.

15. When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.

16. One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day! Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks.

17. While you wait for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.

18. If you accidently drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

19. When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

20. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four