

COLORADO WATER FOURTEENERS

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TIPS TO
CONSERVE WATER
INSIDE THE HOME

In the state known for its 14,000-foot peaks, saving water is important regardless of how deep the snowpack is every year. Conserving water must become a routine way of life. In Colorado, residents use between 85-100 gallons of water per person per day. Do the math to see how you can save.



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COLORADO WATER LIVE LIKE YOU LOVE IT

1 FIX OR FIND LEAKS

Contact your water provider for help if you suspect an unidentified leak.

2 AVOID DRIPS

Replace washers in dripping faucets. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year.

3 PREVENT TOILET LEAKS

To check for toilet leaks, add a couple drops of food color to the back tank. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak. You can save thousands of gallons per year by repairing a leaky toilet flapper.

4 BUY WATERSENSE® PRODUCTS

WaterSense® labeled products save water inside and outside the home without sacrificing performance. Replacing old toilets can save at least 11,000 gallons a year!

5 TOSS INSTEAD OF FLUSHING

Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

6 DON'T BE A SHOWER HOG

Shortening a shower by only 1-2 minutes saves up to 700 gallons per year.

7 BRUSH AND WASH

Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash your face or shave after filling the basin.

8 SHOWER SENSE

A WaterSense® labeled showerhead can reduce the average family's annual water use by 2,900 gallons, save more than \$70 per year in energy and water costs, and conserve the amount of energy needed to power a home for 13 days every year!

9 COMPOST

Using the compost bin or garbage to dispose of food rather than the garbage disposal can save 50 to 150 gallons per month.

10 PACK YOUR WASHERS

Operate dish and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded.

11 SWITCH UP YOUR CLOTHES WASHER

By using a water-efficient clothes washer, you save about 27 gallons per load.

12 GO RETRO

Retrofit bathroom faucets with 1 gallon per minute (gpm) faucet aerators.

13 DEFROST IN THE FRIDGE

Avoiding running water to defrost food saves 50 to 150 gallons per month.

14 GET HELP

Check with your water provider for programs that can help you save water and money.