



Kingston Water Department

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Water Conservation Tips

Water conservation and checking your home periodically for leaks is a great idea. Not only will you reduce water usage, but you will **SAVE MONEY** on that quarterly water and sewer bill!

- Check your indoor water-using appliances and devices for leaks:
 - Check your toilet for leaks! A leak inside the toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Check by adding a few drops of food coloring into the tank (don't flush). If there is a leak, color will show in the bowl in about 15 to 20 minutes. Check for worn out, corroded, or bent parts. Replacement kits are relatively inexpensive and easily installed.
 - Faucet leaks are usually visible; however there are some unnoticeable leaks in areas like the on/off handle or in the pipes below the basin.
 - Drips of 60 drops per minute = 192 gallons per month; 90 drops per minute = 310 gallons per month; a 3" stream = 1095 gallons per month. Each drip increases your water and sewer bill.
 - Check all outdoor hose connections for leaks.
- Only run washing machines and dishwashers when they are full.
- If washing dishes by hand, don't let water run continuously for rinsing. If you have 2 sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, try putting your washed dishes in a dish rack, and then rinse them quickly all at once.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth. This can save up to 4 gallons with each brushing. That can add up! If everyone in the City does this twice each day, we could save 200,000 gallons of water each day, or 5% of our daily usage in the City of Kingston.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator to avoid running water for a cool drink.
- Check your water meter and bill to track your usage. If all the water in the home is off and the meter is still running, you have a leak! You can find your usage history on our portal, <https://kingston-ny.gov/waterpayments>.

Remember: Water is precious - Please do not waste it!!!