

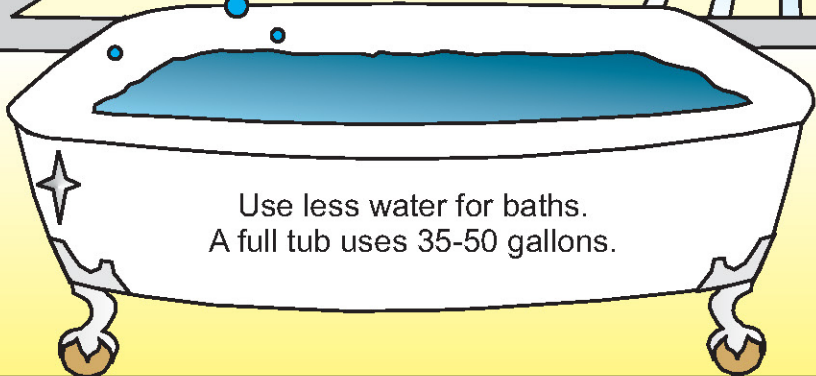
WATER

HOUSE

INDOOR TIPS

Take a shorter shower and install a low-flow shower-head with a 2.5 gpm (gallons per minute) rating.

When buying new appliances, consider energy efficient models.



Use less water for baths. A full tub uses 35-50 gallons.

When washing dishes by hand, use tubs of water instead of running water.

Store drinking water in the refrigerator to get it cold rather than letting the tap run.



Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable scraps.

Install an instant water heater on the sink so the water doesn't need to run while heating up.

Use the dishwasher with full loads.

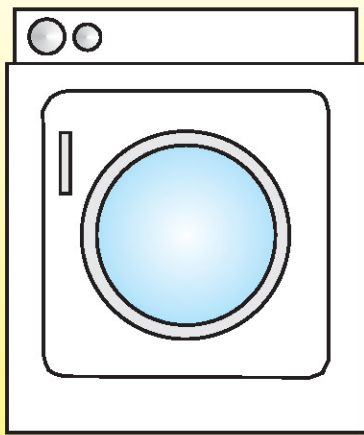
If the handle sticks in the flush position, water runs constantly. Replace or adjust the handle.

Dispose of tissue, insects, and other waste in the trash.

Check tank for leaks.



Wash clothes with full loads and cold water to save water and energy.



Running the tap water for 2 minutes wastes 3-5 gallons of water.

Top loading washers use about three times as much water as front-loading washing machines.

Each toilet flush uses 5-7 gallons of water. Replace older models with high efficiency toilets that use less than 2 gallons per flush.

LAWN

Lawns only need about a half inch of water at a time.

In spring, water once every 3-5 days.

In summer, water once every 6-7 days.

In winter, water once every 10-14 days.

Watering in the morning minimizes evaporation and waste. Watering in the evening is the next best alternative.

Avoid watering on windy days.

Reduce fertilizer use because fertilizers increase the need for water.

Higher grass is more drought resistant.

Raise the lawn mower blades to at least three inches.

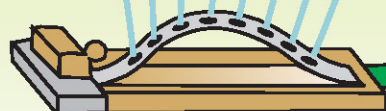
Check sprinkler systems regularly to make sure they are operating correctly.

Know your local area weather patterns. A strong rain can eliminate watering needs up to two weeks.

Use rainwater for watering landscape plants



Use a sprinkler timer.



Make sure water from the sprinkler falls on grass and shrubs, not on paved areas.

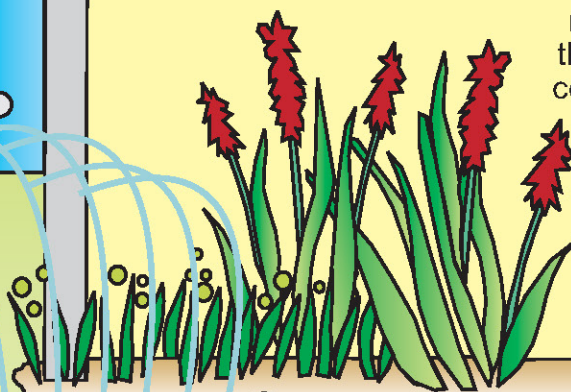
OUTDOOR TIPS

Collect water from the roof into a rain barrel.

Landscape with South Carolina-friendly, drought tolerant plants, trees, and grasses.

Turn water off at the spigot to reduce leaks. Place a shut-off nozzle on the hose to control flow.

Group plants together based on similar water needs.



Mulch to retain moisture

and reduce weeds.

Install soaker hoses or drip irrigation for flower beds and shrubs.

Buy a rain gauge.



Watering with a hose uses 10 gallons per minute.

A pinhole-sized leak wastes 170 gallons a day.