



## Conserving Water in Westminster

In order to extend the capacity of the City's water resources, and reduce your water bill in the process, here are some things you can do:

<b>Inside</b>			
	Toilets	check for leaks, replace pre-1992 toilet with modern fixture, upgrade to a <a href="#">high-efficiency model</a>	1000-5000 gallons/quarter
	Showers	install a <a href="#">low-flow unit</a> that uses less than 2 gpm	400-600 gallons/quarter
	Sinks	install <a href="#">faucet aerators</a> that reduce flow while maintaining pressure	40-60 gallons/quarter
	Dishwasher	upgrade to an <a href="#">Energy Star</a> model ( <a href="#">model listing</a> )	8 gallons/cycle
	Clothes Washer	upgrade to a <a href="#">Energy Star</a> labeled model ( <a href="#">model listing</a> )	17 gallons/load
<b>Outside</b>			
	<a href="#">Irrigation</a>	water only when needed, in morning or evening to limit evaporation, at ground level to limit overspray	30% savings in outdoor consumption
	Drought Tolerance	use plants that are known to be <a href="#">drought-tolerant</a> and/or <a href="#">native</a> , which are adapted to our climate	
	Waste	do not water paved surfaces, do not water after a rain, wash your car at a car wash that recycles water	

These measures listed above are all physical changes you can make to your home or property to make it easier to use less water. Ultimately, conservation is most successful when consumers begin considering the most efficient way to use water in every situation. It sounds cliché, but conservation is a state of mind.

### Helpful Web Resources

[H2OUSE.org](#)- great interactive advice for your entire property

[MD Dept. of the Environment](#)- tips for all types of users

[Usage Estimates](#)- estimated flow at all points of use in the home

[Green Plumbers USA](#)- information for plumbers and consumers on efficient fixtures

[WaterSense](#)- thorough resources covering all aspects of water conservation from EPA