

6 STEPS TO SAVING WATER

If your water bill seems unusually high or if you're looking for ways to conserve, take these six steps to complete a water audit and retrofit faucets.

- 1 Look at your current water bill. You'll find a graph showing the last 12 months of usage.
- 2 Think about what might have caused any unusually high usage, such as guests, remodeling, leaks, summer watering, etc.
- 3 Check faucets, showerheads, toilets, pipes, hoses and sprinklers for leaks and drips.
- 4 Try the Water Meter Test described on page 3.
- 5 Use the EPCOR Water Audit Kit to help spot leaks. See page 4.
- 6 Use the EPCOR Water Retrofit Kit to reduce water usage. See page 5.

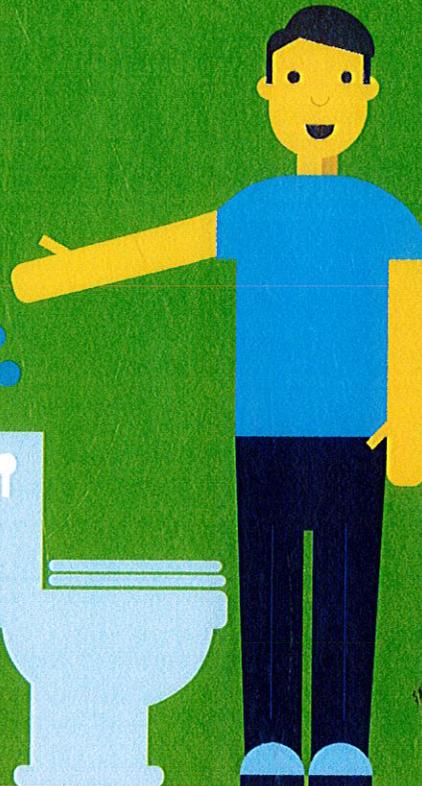
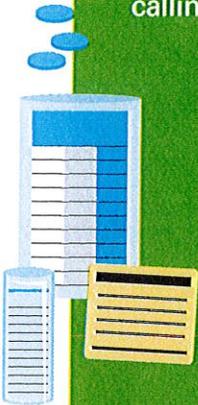


You'll find many videos and information sheets on fixing minor household plumbing issues at epcor.com. Your local hardware store can often provide advice as well.

EPCOR WATER AUDIT KIT

To perform an official water audit inside and outside of your property, request our free Audit Kit by emailing conservation@epcor.com or calling **1-800-383-0834**. The kit includes:

- > Toilet dye tablets
- > Drip gauge
- > Meter flow bag
- > Conservation tip wheel
- > Landscape watering card
- > Instructions



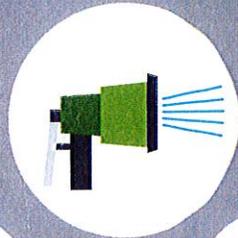
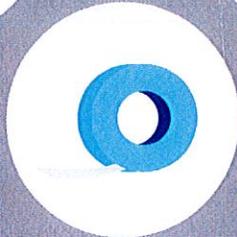
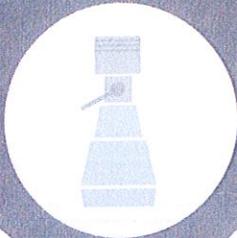
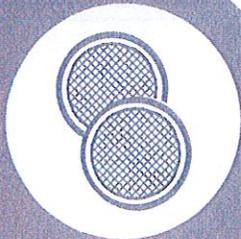
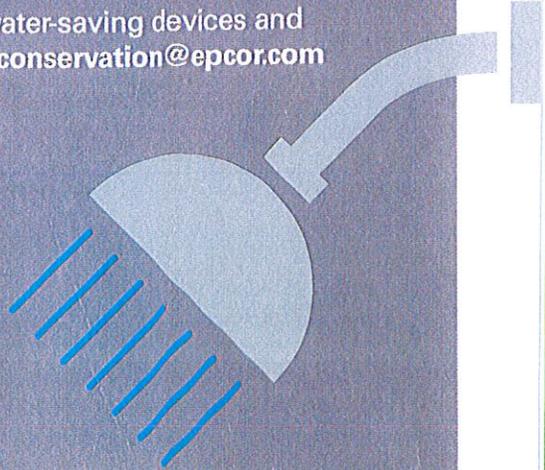
FACT

The average family of four loses approximately 14% of their water usage through leaks, most commonly in toilets.

EPCOR RETROFIT KIT

Our free Retrofit Kit provides easy-to-install water-saving devices and valuable tips. Order yours today by emailing conservation@epcor.com or calling **1-800-383-0834**. The kit includes:

- > Low-flow bathroom aerators
- > Low-flow kitchen aerator
- > Low-flow showerhead
- > Low-flow outdoor hose nozzle
- > Plumber's tape
- > Landscape watering card
- > Instructions



POOLS, SPAS, WATER FEATURES

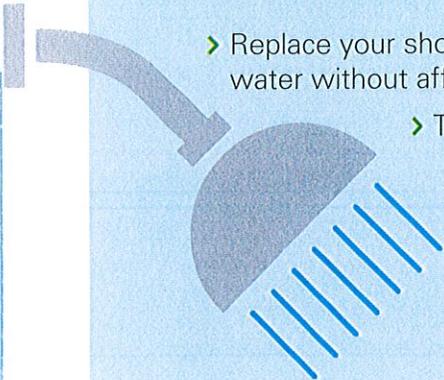
We all like to cool down, relax and have fun with water in the hot summer months. To make your pool, spa or water feature more efficient:

- › Cover pools and spas to prevent evaporation.
- › Check pipes, hoses and connections for leaks on a regular basis.
- › Adjust the direction and pressure of spraying water to prevent splashing and avoid evaporation.
- › Shut off your water features when it's rainy, windy or very hot to avoid evaporation.
- › Check for leaks—see epcor.com for details.

SHOWERS

Depending on a showerhead's size, a 10-minute shower can use 25 to 50 gallons of water. To save on showers:

- › Replace your showerhead with a low-flow model—use 25 percent less water without affecting water pressure.
- › Try to limit showers to 5 minutes.
- › Repair faucet leaks as soon as you spot them—see epcor.com for details.



SPRINKLERS AND DRIPPERS

A leaking irrigation system can go beyond wasting water to seriously impacting your landscaping. To spot a problem:

- › Walk around your lawn a few hours after watering—ground that feels wet or squishy might signal a leak.
- › Look for dark spots in a portion of the landscape—then look for a leak.
- › Watch for moss or mushrooms growing—a sign that you're watering too much.
- › Use our landscape watering guideline card to develop the correct watering schedule for your yard.
- › Adjust your irrigation system throughout the year to ensure that plants are getting the correct amount of water for each season.

TOILETS

The average family of four flushes away approximately 106 gallons of water each day. To waste less water:

- › Never flush garbage down the toilet. Use a garbage can for garbage.
- › Replace older toilets with ultra-low-flush models that use 50 to 85 percent less water per flush, depending on the model.
- › Check around the toilet for leaks.
- › Use toilet dye tablets or a few drops of food coloring in the tank to check for leaks. Wait 10 to 15 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.
- › Learn how to fix a leaky toilet at epcor.com.



Always dispose of chemicals and solvents properly, and never pour them down the toilet.

WASHING MACHINES

Even energy-efficient washing machines can use 20 gallons of water to remove a tablespoon of dirt. To save:

- › Wash only full loads of laundry, but don't overload your machine.
- › Match the load setting with the size of the load.
- › Adjust the water level (if possible) to use only as much water as necessary.
- › Check for leaks and repair or call a repairman—see epcor.com for details.

WATER SOFTENER AND REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEMS

Consider whether you really need a Water Softener or Reverse Osmosis system.

- › A water softener or reverse osmosis system can use up to 10 times more water.
- › It typically takes 5 to 10 gallons of water to make one gallon of softened or treated water.
- › Increased salts from water softeners can be bad for wastewater treatment and ultimately the environment.

