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## **Wash Full Loads**

Wash full loads of laundry, and be sure to select the appropriate water level or load size option on the washing machine and dryer.

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### **Air Dry**

If you can, use a laundry line to air dry clothes instead of using the clothes dryer. Using less electricity saves water too!

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## **Use Efficient Appliances**

High-efficiency  
washing machines  
can help to reduce  
your monthly water  
bills. They use  
between 35 and 50  
percent less water!

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### **Consider a Greywater System**

A greywater system captures used water from the washing machine, sink, and shower, then recycles it back into a home's nonpotable systems for reuse.

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### **Keep It on Cold**

Avoid using hot water whenever possible. Hot water sets in stains and uses more energy.

Use cold-water wash cycles when appropriate.

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## **Choose a Front-Loader**

Front-loading  
washing machines  
use two-thirds less  
water than  
top-loaders,  
reducing water and  
heating costs.

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## **Skip the Extra Rinse**

If you are using the  
correct amount of  
detergent for the  
selected load size  
and cycle,  
you don't need a  
second rinse.

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## **Wear It Twice**

It's okay to wear  
your clothes more  
than once. The best  
way to conserve  
water in the laundry  
room is to not do  
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## Check for Leaks

Check your washer for leaks and drips often. Pay attention to the hose connections and other vulnerable spots.



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**KING OF LAUNDRY**  
*Uses a High-Efficiency Machine*



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### **Scrub-a-Dub**

Wash vegetables and fruits in a bowl or tub of water and scrub them with a vegetable brush instead of letting the faucet run.

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### **Pick Energy Star**

Water-efficient dishwashers use less than 5.5 gallons of water per load. Replacing an old, inefficient dishwasher can save up to 1,000 gallons per year.



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## **Don't Be Excessive**

Use the proper  
pan size and  
amount of water  
when cooking.  
This will save water  
and keep more  
nutrients in  
your food.

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## **Keep a Pitcher in the Fridge**

Instead of running the tap, keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator.

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### Fill It Up

Make sure to run the dishwasher only when it's full, and try not to rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher—just scrape them!



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### Think Ahead

Defrost frozen food items in the fridge overnight instead of running them under hot water.



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## Reuse

Leftover water from cooking foods like pasta can be saved to water your plants. Make sure to let it cool down first!



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### Plug It

When handwashing the dishes, plug the sink or use a tub of water so you don't need to let the faucet run.



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### Choose the Tap

When possible,  
drink water from the  
tap instead of  
bottled water. It  
takes about 1.5  
gallons of water to  
manufacture a  
single plastic bottle.



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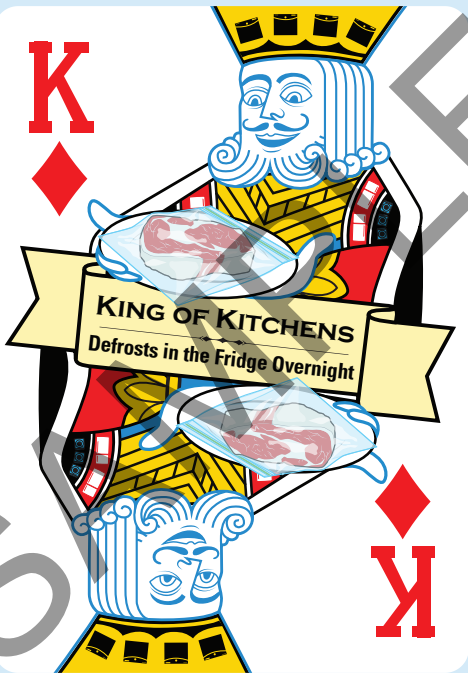


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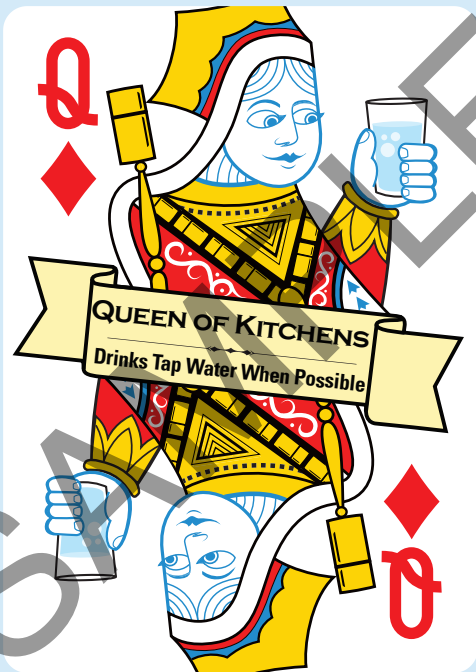




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## Water Wisely

To avoid excess evaporation, it's best to water outdoor plants in the early morning or evening when the sun isn't out and the temperature is lower.

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## **Don't Cut It Too Short**

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Raise the mower  
blade to its highest  
level. Longer grass  
holds in more  
moisture and absorbs  
more sunlight.

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## Be Sprinkler Smart

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Make sure your  
sprinkler is watering  
the plants only—not  
the street, house,  
or sidewalk!

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## Shut Off the Hose

Make sure your hose has a shutoff nozzle. Never leave a running hose unattended and check it often for leaks. When washing your car, bike, or boat use a bucket and sponge instead.

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### Use a Broom

It's best to use a broom rather than a hose to clean driveways, sidewalks, and patios.

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## **Plant the Right Stuff**

Plant according to  
your area's climate.  
Every time you water,  
this can save  
between 30 and 60  
gallons per 1,000  
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## More Mulch

Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation from the soil.

Mulch also keeps the soil cooler.

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### Cover It Up

If you have a pool,  
use a pool cover to  
reduce evaporation  
and heat loss.  
Check for and  
repair leaks.

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## Keep Soil Healthy

Soil health can influence water retention and drainage. Healthy soil aids in water storage, decreases evaporation, and helps root growth.



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## Showers Are Best

It takes about 70  
gallons of water to fill  
an average bathtub.  
Taking a shower uses  
significantly less  
water and is the  
smarter way to bathe.

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### **Make It Quick**

Taking short showers saves water and energy too. Aim for five minutes or less. To save even more, you can turn off the water while lathering up and turn it back on to rinse.

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## Go Low-Flow

Install low-flow  
showerheads.

Going low-flow can  
save up to 15 gallons  
of water during a  
ten-minute shower!

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### **Turn Off the Tap**

Don't let the water run while you lather your hands with soap or brush your teeth. Turn it on only to rinse.

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## Look for Leaks

Check the toilet and faucets for leaks at least once a year. Repairing leaks is one of the easiest, most effective ways to save water at home.

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## **Don't Be a Foolish Flusher**

Flushing trash down  
the toilet uses  
unnecessary water.  
Use the trash bin  
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### Use Less

Faucet aerators are inexpensive and simple to install. Plus, they reduce water consumption without reducing pressure.

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### Have a Dual

Consider installing a high-efficiency toilet or a dual-flush toilet.

Dual-flush toilets have two flush options—a half flush for liquid waste and a full flush for solid waste.

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## Rinse Your Razor

Use a cup or basin  
of water when  
shaving to rinse  
your razor. Don't let  
the water run!



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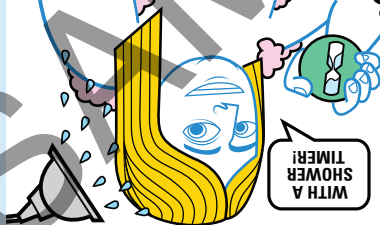


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JACK OF BATHROOMS  
Takes Short Showers



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