

INDOOR CONSERVATION

A SERVICE OF YOUR WATER SYSTEM

BATHROOM

- BATHROOM USE ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE WATER USED INSIDE THE HOME.
- REPLACE OLDER, LARGER-USE TOILETS WITH THE NEWER ULTRA-LOW FLUSH MODELS. SINCE 1992, NEW TOILETS MUST USE 1.6 GALLONS OR LESS PER FLUSH.
- A DISPLACEMENT DEVICE, SUCH AS A PLASTIC BOTTLE OR TOILET TANK BAG INSIDE THE TOILET TANK CAN SAVE UP TO 20 PERCENT OF THE WATER YOUR TOILET USES.
- DO NOT USE THE TOILET TO DISPOSE OF PAPER, FACIAL TISSUES, OR CIGARETTES.
- A LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD CAN SAVE ABOUT HALF THE AMOUNT OF WATER YOU TYPICALLY USE IN THE SHOWER.
- TURN THE TAP WATER OFF WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH OR SHAVING.

AROUND THE HOUSE

- A WATER-SAVING CLOTHES WASHER MODEL CAN SAVE UP TO 40% OF THE WATER USED BY A CONVENTIONAL MODEL.
- INSULATE HOT WATER PIPES TO AVOID WASTING WATER WHILE WAITING FOR THE WATER TO "RUN HOT."
- VERY HOT WATER SETTINGS (HIGHER THAN 125 DEGREES F) WASTE ENERGY SINCE THE WATER MUST BE MIXED WITH COLD WATER BEFORE USE.

KITCHEN

- ABOUT 8 PERCENT OF IN-HOME WATER USE TAKES PLACE IN THE KITCHEN.
- A LOW-FLOW FAUCET AERATOR CAN CUT WATER USE IN HALF.
- SOAK POTS AND PANS BEFORE WASHING. FILL BASIN OR A PAN WITH WATER TO WASH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
- THAW FROZEN FOODS IN THE REFRIGERATOR, OR THAW THEM IN A SMALL AMOUNT OF BOILING WATER OR IN THE MICROWAVE.
- KEEP A PITCHER OF WATER IN THE REFRIGERATOR RATHER THAN RUNNING TAP WATER UNTIL IT IS COOL ENOUGH TO DRINK.
- AVOID USING THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL. INSTEAD, COMPOST YOUR FOOD WASTES.
- WHEN BUYING A NEW DISHWASHER, CONSIDER PURCHASING A WATER-SAVING MODEL. IT CAN REDUCE WATER USE BY 25%.
- WASH ONLY FULL LOADS IN THE DISHWASHER.