

# Water conservation

## What you can do



All Albertans are asked to consider ways to use water wisely. Conserving water is always a good habit and it can help your community, as well as Albertans downstream from you.

If looking for ways to save water, there are small steps that everyone can take.

Learn more about water conservation or get ideas for ways to save from the tips below.

### Indoor water conservation tips



Take shorter showers.  
Reducing shower time by 5 minutes will save about 100 litres of water per day.



Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving.  
Turning off the water when brushing your teeth can save about 32 litres per person, per day.



Fix leaks, including leaky toilets and faucets.  
This can reduce water use by up to 10%.



Fill the sink instead of letting the water run when washing dishes.



Keep a jug of cool water in the fridge instead of running the tap.



Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.



Invest in modern, high-efficiency appliances that are more energy and water efficient. For example, new front-load washing machines use about 50% less water than older top-load units.

## Outdoor water conservation tips in spring and summer



Water your lawn no more than necessary. Also, keeping your grass a bit taller (5 to 7 cm) will help shade the soil and allow better moisture retention.



Check for leaks in outdoor pipes, faucets, and hoses.



If allowed, water sparingly in the morning or evening to reduce evaporation.



Plant drought tolerant vegetation and add mulch to help reduce evaporation and keep more moisture in your soil.



Collect and reuse water for outdoor plant use.



Use a water-saving pool filter.



Clean outside with a broom instead of a hose.

## Water conservation at work

Some of the actions you take to save water at home can also help your business reduce its water use. These actions include:



Checking your plumbing system for leaks.



Installing water-efficient fixtures and equipment.



Reminding your staff to use water wisely.

## Online resources

### EPCOR

EPCOR has a list of water conservation technologies that can be applied in a commercial setting. This includes potential solutions for reducing water use in the kitchen and bathroom, and during sanitation and equipment cooling processes, and more.

[EPCOR Conservation technologies](#)

### WaterSense

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense program provides resource materials to help you save water in your home, in your yard and at your business.

[WaterSense best management practices](#)