

Here are a number of other easy ways to save water. Use this checklist and the tips inside to help you and your family use water wisely.

- Always water during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler, to minimize evaporation.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Choose water-efficient drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- Don't water on windy days or within two days of rain.
- Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth, and reduce weeds.
- Install covers on pools and spas to avoid water evaporation.
- Periodically check your pool for leaks if you have an automatic refilling device.
- Evaporative coolers require a seasonal maintenance checkup. For more efficient cooling, check your evaporative cooler annually.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Use the garbage disposal less often.
- Soak pots, pans, and grills before you wash them.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks.
- Check faucets and pipes regularly for leaks.
- Install low-volume toilets and make sure there are aerators on all of your faucets. (Most homes built after 1980 already have these features.)
- Plug the bath before you turn on the water, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills.
- Take shallow baths.
- For more information, call the Town of Prescott Valley Water Conservation Office at 759-3105.



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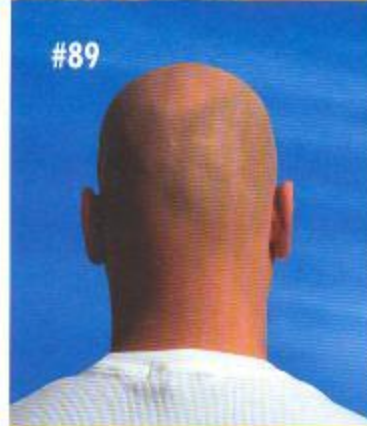
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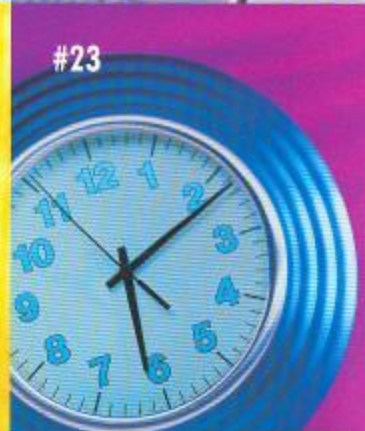
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...and they all start with you.

The Sonoran Desert of southern Arizona is filled with lush trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. How can a place with less than ten inches of rain each year be so beautiful and green? It's simple. The desert and its plants use water wisely.

Those of us who live in this fast-growing community must use water wisely, too. Everywhere you look, you'll find another easy way to save water. Turning water off when it's not needed, fixing leaky faucets and toilets right away, and taking shorter showers are just a few ideas. Water is something we all need, so we all need to work together to conserve it.



Adjust your watering schedule to the season. Water your summer lawn every third day and your winter lawn every fifth day.



Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save up to 80 gallons of water every time.



Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color and save up to 550 gallons each year.



Reach for the scoop only when you have a full load and save up to 600 gallons each month.



Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons each month.



Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.



Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.



Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save gallons every time.



Before you lather up, install a low-flow showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save your family more than 500 gallons a week.



Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save up to 140 gallons a week.



Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. It's easy to fix, and you can save more than 600 gallons a month.



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Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons a month.



Use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car to save more than 100 gallons.