



CHARLOTTETOWN WATER & SEWER UTILITY

WATER USE TIPS FOR IN YOUR HOME

WATER IS PRECIOUS – USE IT BUT DON'T WASTE IT!

Keep the 3Rs of wise water use in mind every time you turn on the tap.

REDUCE – Become conscious of the amount of water you're using and look for ways to use less.

RETROFIT – Replace water guzzling toilets and appliances with more water efficient models or retrofit existing appliances with water saving devices.

REPAIR – Stop the leaks! In one year, a leak of one drip per second wastes 10,000 litres (2,167 gallons) of water – enough water to fill more than 60 bathtubs. Most leaks are easy to fix by simply changing worn washers.

In the Kitchen

- Don't thaw frozen foods under running water. Defrost them in the refrigerator or the microwave.
- Instead of rinsing vegetables under running water, use a little water in the sink or a bowl.
- For instant cold drinking water, refrigerate some or use ice cubes.
- If you must run water from the tap, save the water for watering plants or soaking kitchen pots.
- When hand washing dishes, don't wash under running water, plug the drain and do a sinkful at once.
- When buying or replacing the dishwasher purchase one that is designed to conserve water and energy.
- Use garguretors less often or switch to composting.
- Install new water-saving aerators on taps.
- **Fix leaky taps!**

In the Laundry

- Wash only full loads making sure you don't overload.

- Adjust water level setting to match load size.

In the Bathroom

- Toilet flushing accounts for 40% of household water use. Replace your old standard 13 to 27 litre toilet with a water efficient one that uses as little as 6 litres of water per flush.
- Modify your old standard toilet with store bought toilet dams or make your own dam using a plastic container full of water. Be careful not to obstruct the mechanisms within the toilet tank.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Replace your standard showerhead with a water-saving showerhead which used 9.5 litres per minutes or less. This can save 40% or more of the water used in showering.
- Take a quick shower. Reduce showering to 5 minutes instead of 10 minutes. This will save approximately 40 litres per shower.
- Fill the tub only as much as is needed - in most cases to one-quarter full.
- Plug the bathtub drain before running the water to fill.
- Install new water-saving aerators on taps.
- Turn the water off while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- **Fix leaky taps and toilets.**

REMEMBER, THE WISE USE OF WATER WILL SAVE YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY MONEY AS WELL AS HELP IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Please contact your local **Plumber (Yellow Pages)** or the Charlottetown Water and Sewer Utility (629-4014) if you have any questions.

