

CITY OF HERINGTON

WATER WATCH

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When you save water, you save money on your utility bills too.

Saving water is easy for everyone to do.

Here are some tips to conserve water

- * *Check and fix faucets and pipes for leaks*
- * *Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or waste*
- * *Check your toilets for leaks – **dye tablets available here***
- * *Install water-saving shower heads and aerators - **water-saving shower heads and aerators available here (output on shower heads 1.8 gal per minute)***
- * *Put plastic bottles or float booster in your toilet tank – **toilet water saver bags available here***
- * *Insulate your water pipes – It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pipe insulation*
- * *Take shorter showers*
- * *Turn off the water after you get your toothbrush wet*
- * *Turn off the water when you shave and rinse your razor in the sink*
- * *Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads*
- * *Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units*
- * *When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing*
- * *Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables*
- * *Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge*
- * *Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap*
- * *Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables then reuse it to water houseplants*
- * *When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants*
- * *When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up*
- * *Install a master water shut-off valve or know where yours is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.*
- * *If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it*
- * *Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings*
- * *Turn off the water while you wash your hair*
- * *Turn off the water while you shave*
- * *Use a broom to clean driveway, patio, and sidewalk, not a hose*
- * *Use Mulch around trees, shrubs, plants*
- * *Don't use water to clean gutters*
- * *Don't let the water run while washing your vehicle*
- * *Harvest rain water*
- * *Don't water your lawn on windy days as it will blow away or evaporate*
- * *Don't water your lawn in the heat of the day as it will evaporate*
- * *Winterize outside spigots to keep pipes from freezing and breaking*
- * *Report broken pipes, open hydrants, and leaks*
- * *When purchasing new appliances, look at water/energy efficient*

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