

Save Water.

Save Energy. Save Money.

At home, small changes add up. Conserving water doesn't just protect our planet's resources – it also lowers utility costs, and keeps more money in your pocket.

Inside Your Home - Quick Wins



Fix leaks right away - According to the EPA, a running toilet or a dripping faucet may not seem like much, but they can waste 50+ gallons of water every single day. That can add up to thousands of gallons each year.



To test for leaks, put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak!



Be mindful at the sink - Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving, or scrubbing dishes can save hundreds of gallons each month.



Run full loads only - Dishwashers and washing machines are most efficient when running/operating with a full load.



Keep showers short - An 8 minute shower uses ~16 gallons of water a minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rise off.

Outdoors - Yard & Garden



Smarter watering - Grass only needs about 1 inch of water per week. Watering less often (and only when needed) reduces waste and keeps your lawn healthier. Avoid watering on windy days when much of your water may be carried off to the streets and sidewalks.



Redirect and Reuse - Send downspouts into green spaces to slow runoff and prevent erosion. Position your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden, not onto your street or driveway. Consider building a rain barrel to collect rainwater for your garden.



Plant native and drought-resistant species - Many types of plants thrive in Kansas' natural conditions with far less water. Add mulch around plants to lock in moisture and cut watering needs even further.



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