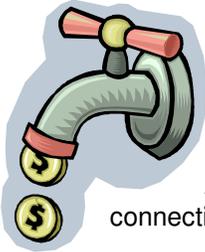




Make Water Conservation a HABIT Around the Clock!



ARE YOU KEEPING A DRIP around? A dripping faucet can dump up to 50 gallons a day down the drain needlessly. You can probably stop it by simply replacing a worn washer. Also, be sure to check pipe line connections for nagging drips.



AFTER SQUASHING an itty bitty bug or blowing your nose with a tissue, don't waste buckets full of water flushing it away in the toilet! Trash it in a basket. Use an ash tray for cigarette butts. Flush only when necessary.



SOAK YOUR ACHING BACK in a partially filled tub of hot water instead of massaging it with a 20-minute blast of hot water. Plug the tub while you shower to compare the level of water used then with the level used for a bath.



A LEAKY TOILET IS a costly thief! Catch the leaky culprits that hide in worn parts near the overflow pipe or at the plunger ball. They steal hundreds of gallons a day from you. One way to find them is to drop a dye tablet into your toilet tank. Wait a few hours without flushing. If blue color shows up in the bowl, you've caught a leak thief. Call a plumber or fix it yourself. Pick up instructions and supplies at a hardware store.



WORK YOUR WATER EFFICIENTLY.** Fully load automatic washing machines before turning them on. Use partial load settings if available. Laundering only your favorite shirt and slacks on a full load setting uses 40 or more gallons of water plus the energy used. Dishwashers require 15 to 25 gallons in a complete cycle whether washing two dishes or a full load.

SHUT YOUR TAP while shaving, face washing or teeth brushing. Run water only while rinsing or stopper the basin.



SING A SHORT SONG with a quick shower. Showerheads pour out 5 to 10 gallons of water per minute. A short shower uses less water than a full tub bath, but a partly filled tub uses much less than a l-o-o-ong shower. Time yourself. Shampoo yourself while you shower. Suds up with the water turned off. Install a low-flow showerhead or a flow restrictor.



EVERY TOILET FLUSH cost about 7 gallons of water, unless you have a newer water-saving model. **Most older toilets will work just fine as well, flushing less water.



REUSE WATER whenever possible. How about quenching the thirst of a plant or pet with leftover water from abandoned drinks? Use rainwater for odd jobs.



WASHING FRUITS and vegetables under running water? A lot is wasted down the drain that way. Brush or peel them clean in a pan of water or stopper the sink. Then give them a quick final rinse. Accumulate the peeling wastes and flush through the disposal with cold water all at one time or toss them on your compost heap to recycle.



**** When shopping for new appliances,** remember to ask for and purchase water saving models.