



Saving Water Indoors

In the Bathroom

- Dispose of tissues and other similar waste in the trash bin rather than the toilet.
- Unless your home is equipped with a high efficiency toilet with a 1.28 gallon per flush capacity, each flush uses 1.6 gallons or more. Pasco County Utilities customers are eligible for rebates for upgrading to a high efficiency toilet. Find out more at TampaBayWaterWise.org.
- Turn off the water while shaving, washing your face, or brushing your teeth.
- Replace your showerhead with a high-efficiency version. Look for the EPA WaterSense label for best efficiency and performance.
- Take shorter showers.
- Catch excess water in your shower to water plants.
- Check periodically for leaks, they can be silent and unseen. Use our [Detecting Leaks](#) guide to get started.

In the Kitchen

- Plan ahead of time to thaw frozen food. When possible, instead of using running water for thawing, defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on the microwave.
- Store a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator.
- Periodically, replace faucet aerators to retain good water flow while you reduce use.
- Install an instant, in-line water heater so that you won't have to run water while you wait for hot water.
- Scrape plates over the trash instead of pre-rinsing. This also keeps excess fats, oils, and grease out of the pipes.
- Operate dishwashers only with a full load. The newer, more efficient dishwashers can use less water than handwashing, particularly when pre-rinsing is limited or skipped.

Around the House

Repair leaks as quickly as possible. A faucet dripping at a rate of one drop per second can waste about 2,700 gallons of water a year. Curious how much water a dripping faucet is wasting? Check out the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) online [Drip Calculator](#).



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