



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

The City and Borough of Wrangell is asking all customers to voluntarily conserve water. Small changes made at home can make a big difference when it comes to conserving our water resource.

Water Saving Tips *Inside* the Home

- Turn-off the faucet while washing your hands and brushing your teeth.
- When shaving, use a sink filled with rinse water.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Fill the sink with water to wash dishes or to pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- Repair or replace leaking plumbing pipes and fixtures. If replacing a toilet, consider a low-flow toilet that use 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) or less. (Did you know that a leak the size of a pinhole in a home water system can waste more than 4,000 gallons of water per month?)

Water Recycling Tips

- Place a bucket in the shower to catch water that is wasted while you adjust your shower water temperature and recycle this water for plants or other watering uses.
- Other sources of water that can be recycled easily for other watering purposes include:
 - Pet dishes
 - Flower vases
 - Leftover water from cooking or drinking
 - Dehumidifier water

Water Saving Tips *Outside* the Home

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps, decks and sidewalks.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket. If a hose is used, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day and avoid windy days.
- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.

For more information on long-term water conservation measures such as installing water-saving plumbing fixtures and appliances and identifying and repairing leaks within your home, visit DEP's website at www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Water Conservation, Click on "Water Conservation Center Tips" bullet on the right edge.

Please share this information with everyone in your household and business and discuss ways in which you can minimize water waste.