

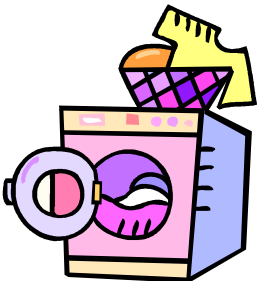
How to Conserve Your Water

Bathroom



- ⇒ Install dams or rock-filled containers to your toilet to reduce the amount of water flowing out of your toilet
- ⇒ Low flow, water-saving shower heads which help to reduce the amount of water flowing through your shower
- ⇒ Faucet aerators which help to restrict the amount of water going through your faucet
- ⇒ Take shorter showers
- ⇒ When filling the tub, don't let the water run down the drain while waiting for it to get hot
- ⇒ Repair leaks in your faucets and toilets
- ⇒ Don't use the toilet to flush away facial tissues, paper and other similar solid or liquid wastes
- ⇒ Turn off water while brushing your teeth
- ⇒ When shampooing, turn off the water while lathering your hair

Laundry Room



- ⇒ Wash only full loads of laundry to get the most use from the water
- ⇒ Purchase a high-efficiency washing machine
- ⇒ Be sure to adjust the water level on your washing machine to match the size of the load
- ⇒ Use the suds saving feature on your washing machine if possible
- ⇒ Wash clothes with cold water whenever possible

Outside



- ≈ Water your lawn in the early morning
- ≈ Use pistol-grip nozzles on all hoses and always turn off the faucet tightly to prevent leakage
- ≈ When washing your car only rinse it once
- ≈ Plant drought resistant gardens

Kitchen



- ≈ Don't let faucets run for washing or rinsing dishes
- ≈ Wash all vegetables for a meal at the same time
- ≈ Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator rather than letting water run in the sink to get a cool drink
- ≈ Run dishwasher only on full loads



DRINKING WATER EDUCATION and TESTING

Two different water testing packages are available throughout the year.

Homeowner Package - \$49.00

- 💧 Bacteria
- 💧 Nitrate
- 💧 pH
- 💧 Alkalinity
- 💧 Hardness
- 💧 Chloride
- 💧 Conductivity
- 💧 Corrosivity

Metals Package - \$42.00

- 💧 Arsenic
- 💧 Calcium
- 💧 Copper
- 💧 Iron
- 💧 Lead
- 💧 Magnesium
- 💧 Manganese
- 💧 Potassium
- 💧 Sodium
- 💧 Sulfate
- 💧 Zinc

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Once each year, the LCD sponsors a water testing program for all Taylor County private well owners. This special program offers both the Homeowner Package and the Metals Package at substantially reduced rates. Dates for the special program are announced on WKEB radio and in local newspapers.

DRINKING WATER

Tips to Protect Your Drinking Water

- ☞ Be aware of any contaminant sources
- ☞ Test yearly
- ☞ Know your groundwater source
- ☞ Keep pets away from well
- ☞ Keep historical records of sampling results
- ☞ Install a vermin-proof well cap



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