Water Conservation for Your Home, the Planet and Your Wallet

1. **Taps** – An inexpensive and easy-to-install aerator can reduce the amount of water used at the tap by 50%.

2. **Dishwasher** – Make sure your dishwasher is completely full before running it. And choose water-saving modes when possible.

3. **Showers** – Pick up a water-saving showerhead on your next visit to the hardware store. And try showering for 5 minutes or less!

4. **Toilets** – Replace your old 13- to 32-litre, water-guzzling toilet with a new 3- or 6-litre water-saving toilet.

5. **Washer** – Buy a front-loading washing machine, and reduce your water and energy consumption by half.

6. **Water Softener** – Look for a water softener that only uses water when needed instead of on a set schedule.

7. **Recycling** – Most packaging and containers can be recycled using your blue box. Put your food scraps in your green bin or compost them in your yard.

8. **Rainwater Harvesting** – Water your garden using a rain barrel or cistern instead of treated drinking water.

9. **Naturescaping** – Replace some or all of your lawn with native or drought-tolerant plants meant for our climate.

10. **Car Washing** – Wash your car with a pail of water instead of a running hose or power washer. Chemical-free soap is best!

11. **Hazardous Waste** – Bring your old paint cans, chemicals and other hazardous waste containers to the landfill site to be disposed of properly.

12. **Lawn Watering** – Only water during the allowed morning and evening hours on your watering day, or too much of your water will evaporate into the air.

13. **Storm Sewers** – Keep all chemicals like car washing soap, household cleaners, gasoline and oil away from the sewers on your road. Sewers are a direct route to lakes and rivers.

**TIP!**

Your lawn only needs 2.5 cm of water per week. Place a Frisbee on the lawn when you water. When the Frisbee is full, you're done!