



Water Conservation:

In order to preserve Waconia's most precious water resources, it is important that we as a community practice water conservation methods throughout the year. By making simple changes in our daily routines, we can protect our water supply as well as ensure savings on our monthly water bills.

What can you do?

- Water your lawn early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation caused by the heat of day and the wind.
- Do not over water your lawn (water every 3-5 days during summer months.).
- Only use lawn chemicals if absolutely necessary.
- Only run clothes washers and dish washers when they are full.
- When washing dishes by hand, or when brushing your teeth, do not leave the water running.
- Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. In the average home, leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day and dripping faucets waste up to 2,000 gallons of water per year.
 - ◆ How to detect a possible leak:
 - Make sure water is turned off throughout the house.
 - Locate the water meter in your home and look at the face. There is a leak detector located at the bottom of the meter. If the leak indicator is turning, that indicates that water is running somewhere in the house.
 - Check all faucets, toilets, and water softeners for possible leaks. (For more information regarding checking for possible leaks, please call 952-442-3107.)
- If you have a swimming pool, use a cover. A swimming pool cover can cut loss of water by evaporation by 90 percent.
- To clean sidewalks and driveways, use a broom instead of washing them down.
- Instead of running hot water over frozen food to defrost, defrost in the microwave or refrigerator.
- Do not dispose of toxic chemicals down the drain. Chemicals such as cleaning products, motor oil, weed killers, paint, etc. must be disposed of properly.