

## Water Conservation Facts

- ◆ Installing water-saving appliances and plumbing fixtures can decrease water use by 30%.
- ◆ Wash full loads of dishes and laundry.
- ◆ Lower the amount of water in your pool to reduce the amount splashed out.
- ◆ Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation.
- ◆ When hand washing dishes, use 1 pan for soapy water and 1 for hot rinse water.
- ◆ Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom, not a hose.
- ◆ Defrost frozen food in the microwave or refrigerator instead of running water over it.
- ◆ 9 - 12 gallons of water are needed to run the average dishwasher.
- ◆ The largest use of household water is to flush toilets, and the second largest is for showers and baths.
- ◆ The average 5 minute shower uses 25-50 gallons of water.
- ◆ On average it takes 2 gallons of water to brush your teeth.
- ◆ A faucet that leaks at a rate of 1 drop per second wastes 5 gallons of water per day and 2,082 gallons per year.
- ◆ On average, 2-7 gallons of water are used for every toilet flush.
- ◆ Each U.S. household uses about 107,000 gallons of water each year.
- ◆ Little leaks can waste a lot of water!