

## **There are many ways to save water.**

**Below are six key actions to help save water around the house. Remember, every drop counts!**

### **1. Stop leaks**

Check your indoor water using appliances and devices for leaks. Many leaks are silent which may go unnoticed. These leaks are using water which goes through your meter. Studies have shown homes can waste more than 10% due to leaking, which costs both you and the environment. Another major leak can occur in an irrigation system. It is crucial to fix irrigation system leaks quickly. Inspect your sprinklers and drip sprayers regularly for leaks. If you have an older irrigation system, over 50% of water can be lost due to leaks.

### **2. Replace Clothes Washing Machine**

A washing machine is the second largest water user in your home. Energy Star™ rated washers that have a Water Factor lower than 9.5, use 35-50% less water and 50% less energy per load. This saves you money on water and energy bills. Also, run your washer only when there is a full load. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

### **3. Irrigation**

Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street. Also, water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

### **4. Only Water What Plants Need**

Most water is wasted in gardens by watering when plants do not need it. Be attentive if you are manual watering. Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device and it's appropriately scheduled.

### **5. Reduce Daily Water Use**

Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.

### **6. Turn Off the Water**

While brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.