

Water Conservation Tips from the Auburn Water District

Why is Water Conservation Important?

- Water conservation prepares us for dry periods and helps to ensure that there is enough water for people, wildlife, and to keep rivers and streams flowing.

What Can I do to Conserve Water and Save Money?

- The average family of four served by the Auburn Water District uses less than **260 gallons** of water per day.
- We can all reduce our water use by as much as **30 percent** if we take some easy steps!
- **Short-Term Steps:**
 - ✓ Check toilets, faucets, and other appliances for leaks.
 - ✓ Take shorter showers.
 - ✓ Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
 - ✓ Limit lawn watering. **Did you know?** When established lawns turn golden brown, they have gone dormant and will revive when conditions improve.
- **Longer-Term Steps:**
 - ✓ Change fixtures and appliances with newer, more efficient ones.
 - ✓ Replace lawn areas with native shrubs and ground cover.
 - ✓ Use drip irrigation rather than sprinklers and incorporate moisture sensors into irrigation systems.

Where Can I Find More Information on Water Conservation?

- To learn more about why we should conserve water and what you can do as a resident, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/conservemawater>.
- To estimate how much water you use relative to other households, use the interactive home water use calculator: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/interactive-water-conservation-tools#home-water-use-calculator->.
- Take a water quiz to find out how much water you can save: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/interactive-water-conservation-tools#water-savings-quiz->.

Note: All resources and images from this document were obtained from <https://www.mass.gov/conservemawater>.