



HOME WATER AUDIT

Are you interested in learning how to save water and money at home? This home water audit will help you identify easy ways to conserve water at home. Answer the “**How do you use water?**” questions. Circle the responses that best match your current water use actions. Each response has a water drop rating. After answering all of the questions, count the number of water drops to determine your home water conservation score.

A) BATHROOM USAGE				
How Do You Use Water?	Your Water Use Actions			Water Smart Tips
Do you check the toilet tank for water leaks at least twice a year?	Yes 2 Water Drops	Don't know 0 Water Drops	No 0 Water Drops	Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the food coloring is seen in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak.
Do you have a low-flow toilet? (If home was built after 1992, circle yes).	Yes 2 Water Drops	Don't know 0 Water Drops	No 0 Water Drops	A low-flow toilet uses 1.5 gallons of water per flush instead of an older toilet that uses 5 or more gallons of water per flush.
How often is the toilet being used as a wastebasket to flush away trash?	Never 2 Water Drops	Sometimes 0 Water Drops	Always 0 Water Drops	Use a wastebasket instead of the toilet to flush away trash. Each flush uses 1.5 or more gallons of water, depending on the type of toilet.
Do you have a low-flow showerhead? (If less than 2 gallons of water per minute, circle yes.)	Yes 2 Water Drops	Don't know 0 Water Drops	No 0 Water Drops	Low-flow showerheads can save approximately 3 gallons of water per minute.
What is the average shower time per person?	Less than 5 minutes 2 Water Drops	Between 5-10 minutes 1 Water Drop	More than 10 minutes 0 Water Drops	Taking shorter showers can save approximately 5 gallons of water per minute depending on the type of showerhead.
What is the average depth of water in the bathtub?	Less than ½-full 2 Water Drops	½-full 1 Water Drop	Full 0 Water Drops	Filling a bathtub less than ½-full can save approximately 18 gallons of water.



B) KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY USAGE

How Do You Use Water?	Your Water Use Actions			Water Smart Tips
Do you have an aerator on the kitchen sink faucet?	Yes	Don't know	No	Aerators can save up to 2 gallons of water per minute.
How are dishes hand washed in the sink?	2 Water Drops Water turned off when not needed	0 Water Drops Water continually running while rinsing	0 Water Drops Water continually running while washing and rinsing	Fill the kitchen sink with water to wash and rinse dishes instead of letting the water continually run.
How full are your dishwasher loads?	2 Water Drops Less than ½-full	1 Water Drop ½-full	0 Water Drops Full	Wait until you have full loads. Use water and energy-saving cycles.
How full are your laundry loads?	0 Water Drops Less than ½-full	1 Water Drop ½-full	2 Water Drops Full	Wait until you have full loads. Use water and energy-saving cycles.



C) OUTDOOR USAGE

How Do You Use Water?	Your Water Use Actions			Water Smart Tips
	Yes	Don't know	No	
Are lawns watered only when they really need it?	2 Water Drops	0 Water Drops	0 Water Drops	Adjust your lawn-watering schedule to the season. For winter grass, water every 7-14 days. For summer grass, water every 3-6 days.
What types of plants make up the majority of your landscape?	Mostly low-water use	Mixture of low- and high-water use	Mostly high-water use	Landscaping with low-water-use plants can reduce your outdoor water use.
What time of the day do you water?	In the morning or evening	Anytime of the day	During the middle of the day	Watering in the cooler times of the day (morning or evening) reduces the amount of water that is lost through evaporation.
How do you clean your driveway and sidewalks?	With a broom only	With a broom and garden hose	With a garden hose	Use a broom, instead of a garden hose, to clean your driveway and sidewalks. It does the job just as well and you will save water.
How do you wash your car?	Bucket of water	Garden hose with spray nozzle turned on and off	Garden hose with no spray nozzle	Use a bucket of water to wash your car instead of letting the garden hose continually run. If you use a garden hose to rinse your car, turn the water on and off as needed.

Your Home Water Conservation Score:

20 to 30: Excellent! You are possibly saving hundreds of gallons of water each month. Share your Water Smart Tips with family, friends, and neighbors.

10 to 20: Good! Read through the Water Smart Tips and adopt two water saving tips this month and two more next month.

10 or below: Needs Improvement! Read through the Water Smart Tips and adopt three water saving tips this month and three more next month.