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**2019** | WATER SAVERS  
**CALENDAR**

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### **We use a lot of water.**

Every American uses an average of 100 gallons a day — enough to fill two bathtubs!

Because you pay for the water you use at home, it makes sense to conserve water by fixing leaks and taking shorter showers. But that's only half the story.

The truth is you actually pay twice for water. Once for the cost of the water itself and once for the cost of heating that water. Reducing the amount of water you use inside and outside the house could mean big savings.

# 2019

## SAVING WATER SAVES MONEY

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Another way to reduce your water use is to shop for products with the WaterSense label. Bathroom fixtures, toilets, and showerheads with the WaterSense label are more efficient and make saving water easy.



<b>January</b>	Bathroom
<b>February</b>	Laundry
<b>March</b>	Shower
<b>April</b>	Kitchen
<b>May</b>	Washing Dishes
<b>June</b>	Lawn & Garden
<b>July</b>	Water Meters
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<b>October</b>	Toilet
<b>November</b>	Water Heater
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# BATHROOM

Together, the shower, the toilet, and the faucet in your bathroom use a lot of water. In fact, toilets alone account for 30% of indoor water use in an average home. Taking shorter showers is a good start, but there are lots of other ways to save water in the bathroom.

## Fix leaks

One drop per second wastes more than 3,000 gallons of water per year!

## Install low-flow aerators on faucets

The aerator is the screw-on tip of the faucet. Look for a flow rate of no more than 1 gallon per minute.



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## JANUARY 2019

DEC 2018

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FEB 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# LAUNDRY

Washing machines use two resources: electricity to run the motor and water to wash the clothes. One of the easiest ways to save on your utility bill is to switch to a high-efficiency washing machine. Look for the Energy Star® label and you could reduce your utility bill by an average of \$50 per year.

### Wash full loads

Many washers fill up with water whether they have one item or a full load.

### Use cold water

Only use hot water for very dirty loads and you'll save money because you won't be paying to heat the water.

Choose an Energy Star washing machine, which uses less than half the water and energy of a standard machine.



JAN 2019

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MAR 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Chinese New Year	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

# SHOWER

**Install low-flow showerheads. They use a third less water than regular showerheads.**

## Replace fixtures

If the fixtures in your home were installed before 1992, there's a good chance you could save water by replacing them.

Here's how to find out if you have a low-flow showerhead:

1. Place a gallon bucket (or one marked in gallon increments) under your showerhead.
2. Turn on the shower at full pressure.
3. Time how long it takes to fill the bucket. If it takes less than 20 seconds, you could save water by installing a low-flow showerhead.

## Line Dry

Using the sun's energy to line dry will save you money and leave your clothes smelling fresh.

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# MARCH

2019

FEB 2019

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24 25 26 27 28

APR 2019

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27  
28 29 30

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring begins	21	22 World Water Day	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

# KITCHEN

You can use a lot of water in the kitchen, especially when drinking from the tap and washing dishes. A few simple steps, such as installing a low-flow aerator on your faucet, could save thousands of gallons of water per year!

### Don't let the water run

To clean fruits or vegetables, put them in the sink or in a pan and fill it up with water. You could save 50 to 100 gallons of water per month.

### Keep a container of drinking water in the fridge

You won't have to run the tap every time you want a drink of cold water. And you won't waste money on bottled water, either!



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## APRIL 2019

MAR 2019

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24 25 26 27 28 29 30  
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MAY 2019

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19 20 21 22 23 24 25  
26 27 28 29 30 31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday Passover begins at sunset	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# WASHING DISHES

Washing dishes can use a lot of water in the kitchen. But a few simple steps could save you thousands of gallons of water per year!

**Run the dishwasher instead of washing by hand**  
It uses less hot water and could save you \$40 a year.

**Fully load the dishwasher**  
It costs exactly the same amount to wash one dish as it does to wash a full load.

**Scrape, don't rinse**  
With most dishwashers, there's no need to pre-rinse plates before putting them in the dishwasher. Just scrape off any excess food and let your dishwasher do the work.



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## MAY 2019

APR 2019

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27  
28 29 30

JUN 2019

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23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Ramadan begins at sunset Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

# LAWN AND GARDEN

In the summer months, watering your yard can account for 50% of your total water use. Using less water outside makes a lot of sense. You could save tens of thousands of gallons of water just by using a better watering system and mowing the grass less often.

## Let your grass grow

Longer grass absorbs more sunlight, making your lawn stronger and thicker.

## Only water your lawn when needed

If you leave footprints when you walk on the grass, it's time to water.

## Choose native plants

Native plants are adapted to your local climate, and if you live in a dry area, they may need less water.

## Check your aim

The sprinkler should water your lawn, not the sidewalk or the house.

## Use a drip hose instead

Drip hoses deliver water directly to a plant's roots.

## Check your garden hose for leaks

If your hose leaks at the connection to the spigot, replace the hose washer and wrap the threads with pipe tape.

## Check the weather

There's no reason to water if it's going to rain.



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JUNE  
2019

MAY 2019

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JUL 2019

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28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 Summer begins	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

# WATER METERS

Water meters are mechanical devices and most work in a similar manner. They have a measurement device in an “inner chamber” that is calibrated to record the amount of water that goes through the meter.

## Older water meters may need to be replaced

Current water meters read much like a car's odometer. Older meters that have several dials and pointers are generally considered obsolete and, in most cases, should be replaced.

## Watch the flow indicator

The flow indicator rotates whenever water flows through the meter. If the triangle turns when all water is turned off on the property, you may have a leak, which should be investigated.

## Do you know where your water meter is located?

Your meter is located at the point where the water service line comes through the foundation. Usually it's either in your home's basement or utility room.

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AUG 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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# OUTSIDE AREAS

Besides your lawn and garden, there are other outside areas, such as the driveway, car, and garage, where you might be able to save water.

**Use a bucket to wash your car**  
You'll save 150 gallons of water every time you don't use the hose.

**Don't hose down the driveway**  
Use a broom instead.

**Install porous walkways and patios**  
They keep water in your yard and prevent wasteful runoff.



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# AUGUST

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JUL 2019

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27  
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SEP 2019

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22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
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# TIPS FOR KIDS

**Hey, kids! You can do a lot to help save water around the house.**

**Be a leak detective**

Look for dripping faucets in the kitchen and bathroom sinks. Check the tub and shower, too.

**Turn off the water when you brush your teeth**

You could save 8 gallons of water a day!

**Take a speed shower**

Time how long you're in the shower, then try to beat your record! Every minute you save equals 4 gallons of water.

**Fill your glass halfway**

You won't have to waste water if you can't drink a whole glass.



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# SEPTEMBER

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AUG 2019

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OCT 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosh Hashana begins at sunset	30					

# TOILET

Toilets alone account for 30% of indoor water use in an average home.

## Fix leaky toilets

You may not see or hear a leaky toilet, but it can waste more than 200 gallons of water per day!

## Here's an easy way to find out if your toilet is leaking:

1. Remove the lid from the back of the toilet.
2. Place a drop of food coloring in the tank.
3. Wait 15 minutes without flushing.
4. If the color shows up in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.



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# OCTOBER

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SEP 2019

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NOV 2019

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17 18 19 20 21 22 23  
24 25 26 27 28 29 30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Yom Kippur begins at sunset	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

# WATER HEATER

Your water heater accounts for 11% of your energy bill. It's the second largest energy user in the house after your space heating system. And you're paying twice for your water heater — once for the water and once for heating the water.

## Turn down the thermostat to 120°F

You'll save money and prevent scalding accidents.

## Insulate your water heater tank

Adding insulation could reduce heat loss and save you money.

## Insulate hot water pipes

Insulation allows for even lower water temperature settings. Try to insulate all accessible pipes, but especially those within 3 feet of the tank.

## Buy a water heater that fits your needs

If it's too big, you'll be paying to heat water you don't need.

## Look for an Energy Star®-qualified water heater

If you have to replace your water heater, an energy-efficient model could save you money in the long run.



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# NOVEMBER

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OCT 2019

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20 21 22 23 24 25 26  
27 28 29 30 31

DEC 2019

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15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
29 30 31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Daylight Savings ends	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

# APPLIANCES

Over time, the cost of running your appliances adds up. Choose energy-efficient appliances by looking for the Energy Star® symbol. It's only on appliances that meet strict energy-efficiency standards.

### Get the right size appliance

Oversized appliances waste energy. Only choose an extra-large dishwasher if you have an extra-large family.

### Think about shape

Front-loading appliances are more efficient than top-loading ones.

### Check the "second" price tag

The yellow EnergyGuide label on an appliance shows its operating cost. Use the label to compare similar models to make the energy-smart choice.



# DECEMBER

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JAN 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Winter begins Hanukkah begins at sunset	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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# RESOURCES

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To learn more about saving energy in your home, visit these sites:

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy  
[www.aceee.org](http://www.aceee.org)

U.S. Department of Energy  
[www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)

ENERGY STAR®  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Alliance to Save Energy  
[www.ase.org](http://www.ase.org)

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