

Check This Out

- Reduce your shower time by cutting back a minute or two each day. Strive to reach a total time of 5 minutes.

- Check your faucets for drips and watch for leaks around the base of each fixture.

- Use a rain barrel to collect rain water for your garden. Why pay for something that falls out of the sky?*

- Never run the faucet while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing dishes. Try using a plastic basin of water in your kitchen sink to clean your dishes and then rinsing off excess soap.

- Check your house for leaks. Take a reading of your water meter at night and do not use any water until morning. If the meter has changed than you might have a leak that is wasting precious water and your money.

- Toilets are big wasters. An easy way to check them for leaks is to add food coloring to the tank and check to see if the color appears in the bowl without the toilet having been flushed.

- Only wash full loads of laundry. This will save water along with electricity and your personal time by reducing the number of loads done per week.

- Invest in low-flow shower heads from your local hardware store. They are easy to install and will pay for themselves in water saved.

- Make sure your sprinklers are only watering where and when they should be. Concrete can not grow! Also, if it looks like rain turn off your sprinkler system and let nature do the work.

- Be aware of your water use in everyday tasks. Small actions make a big difference.

*Learn how to get a rain barrel at <http://www.northkingstown.org/waterdept>

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