



## **Indoor and Outdoor Water Saving Tips**

Approximately only 3 percent of the earth's water is fresh, and less than 1 percent is available for human consumption. With growing populations causing a continual rise in water demands, using less water and using it wisely has never been more important. The water issue is local as well as global; by implementing a few simple practices you can significantly reduce your water consumption and help to conserve one of your most precious natural resources.

### **Indoor Water Saving Tips**

- Replace older toilets with high efficiency ones.
- Have showers instead of baths.
- Install showerheads that use no more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute.
- When you shower, first wet your body, then turn off the water as you apply soap. Then turn on the water to rinse the soap off again.
- Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth, use water only to rinse and gargle.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a bowl of water rather than under a running tap.
- Fix leaky faucets in your kitchen and bathroom.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.

### **Outdoor Water Saving Tips**

- When you water your yard, use more water to go deeper each time so that you do not have to water the yard as often.
- Use drip irrigation in your backyard if possible.
- Select plants that adapt to a Mediterranean climate.
- Apply mulch to gardens to maintain moisture in the soil.
- Adjust your sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.