Bathroom

**Switch to a Low-Flow Shower Head**
Low-flow shower heads use 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm); older models use as much as 5.5 gpm. Make the switch and you will reduce your water bill by 25-60% (US Department of Energy).

**Take Shorter Showers**
Aim for a five-minute shower. With a low-flow showerhead you'll use 12.5 gallons of water or less. Compare that to 37.5 gallons for a 15-minute shower, and the savings are easy to see.

**Shower Instead of Taking Baths**
According to the Environmental Protection Agency, it takes 35 gallons of water to fill the average bathtub. Switch to a five-minute shower with a low-flow showerhead, and you'll save 22.5 gallons each time you scrub up!

**Repair Faucet Leaks**
A leaky faucet can waste 1000-2000 gallons of water a year Install a faucet aerator.
It screws onto the bottom of your faucet to reduce water flow, without reducing water pressure. Note: If you have a newer faucet, it may already have one built-in.

**Turn the Water Off While You Brush/Shave**
Less flow time equals less water used.
 **Check Toilets for Leaks**
According the National Sanitation Foundation, a leaky toilet can waste as much as 500 gallons of water each day! Place a dye tablet (free at home improvement stores) in the toilet tank, and watch to see if the dye seeps into the bowl. If it does, you have a leak that needs to be addressed.
 **Replace Your Toilet Flapper Once a Year**
Toilet flappers break down quickly, and should be replaced once a year. A couple of dollars spent on a replacement flapper will save you much more on your water bill.
 **Switch to a Low-Flow Toilet**
When it's time to replace your toilet, replace it with a low-flow model that uses 1.6 gallons per flush, compared to a traditional toilet, which use 3.6 gallons.

Kitchen

**Use Your Dishwasher**
Contrary to popular belief, it takes more water to hand-wash dishes than it takes to wash then in dishwater.

**Don't Pre-Rinse Dishes**
Scrape food from plates, and let your dishwasher do the rest.