

Well Owner Tips For Conserving Water

- Fix any leaks and dripping faucets. If possible, turn off the water feed to leaking pipes and dripping taps until the leak can be corrected.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving, and washing your hands.
- Take a short shower instead of a bath.
- Install a low flow showerhead. You can save 15 gallons of water in a 10-minute shower.
- If you have an older toilet that uses above 3 gallons per flush, displace some of the water in the tank by (carefully) placing a plastic water jug or brick or two in the tank.
- If you hand wash dishes, use a washbasin or plug the drain.
- If you have a dishwasher, only run a full load and scrape plates instead of rinsing. If possible, avoid the “Pots & Pans” or “Extra Heavy” settings.
- When washing clothes, run a full load and select the correct load size and water level. Avoid “Extra Rinse”, “Pre-Soak”, etc. settings.
- Avoid running the tap while waiting for hot or cold water and letting the water flow down the drain. Instead, catch the water in a pitcher or jug and store in the refrigerator for later use.
- Save left over water from cooking or other relatively clean water activities to use for watering plants or cleaning.
- Do not fill hot tubs or top off swimming pools with well water. Contact a pool water vendor instead.
- Avoid using water for landscaping. A dry well is a bigger problem than brown grass!

Signs That Your Well May Be Affected

1. A noticeable decrease in water pressure.
2. Sputtering at the tap indicating air in the system.
3. A change in color, taste, or clarity. Sediment in the water.
4. Slow recharge when back-to-back usage causes a drop in water pressure and it takes a while to recover.
5. Your well pump is running more in an effort to keep consistent pressure in the system.

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