

## Try these tips to reduce your water usage and increase water sustainability:

1. Sweep your driveway and walkways instead of washing them with water
2. Avoid wasting water by positioning sprinklers so it does not spray on driveways and sidewalks
3. Water your lawn in the morning or evening
4. Don't apply more than 25 mm of water to your lawn per week
5. Utilize mulch around plants to retain moisture and reduce evaporation.
6. Landscape with plants that are native to the region and can tolerate drought conditions
7. Are your toilets losing water? Please see instructions for searching for leaks: <https://www.adjtos.ca/en/living-in-our-community/resources/Water/leak-detection-sheet.pdf>
8. Ensure your water softener is functioning correctly by checking with the manufacturer's manual. Demand initiated regeneration water softeners are the newest technology and only regenerate when needed. Older softeners may be wasteful of water and salt as they are set to regenerate on a timer regardless of the demand. Reach out to a local water softener specialist or the company that made your current softener.
9. Don't flush garbage down the toilet
10. Use high efficiency showerheads and limit shower times to five minutes
11. Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads
12. Use a rain barrel to collect water and use that for flower beds and gardens
13. Wash your car with water in a bucket and use a hose with a shut-off nozzle to avoid waste.
14. Keep a jug of water in the fridge so you don't have to run the tap to get it cold