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Ways to Conserve Water

10. Connect your downspout to a rain barrel. Use the water for your garden.
9. Turn off running water when brushing your teeth, lathering hands and hair or washing dishes.
8. Purchase water conserving dishwashers and washing machines and watch your water bill drop!
7. Replace old toilets with ones that use fewer gallons per flush. Dual flush toilets are also a good option.
6. Create a luscious rain garden. It is easy to maintain. Let nature water for you!
5. Select drought-tolerant and native plants to green up your yard.
4. Only run the dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load.
3. Replace old shower heads and faucets with efficient low-flow models.
2. Install a drip irrigation system in your yard. It will deliver water directly to the roots of shrubs and trees.
1. Install a moisture sensor for your lawn so you only water when it is needed. Better yet, let your grass go dormant in the hottest summer months.

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Ways to Conserve Energy

10. Replace your incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents or LEDs.
9. Replace inefficient appliances with Energy Star appliances. You will be amazed at the savings!
8. Use public transportation, walk, bike or carpool to get to work, run errands or visit with family and friends.
7. Feel the warmth, by harvesting heat from the Earth's core with geothermal technology!
6. Install a programmable thermostat so your heat and air conditioning are only on when you need it most.
5. Use power strips for all electronic devices and shut them off when not in use.
4. Seal and caulk your leaky windows and doors and replace worn weather stripping.
3. Turn off your computer or laptop after using, especially overnight. Encourage your co-workers to do the same.
2. Should I flip the switch? Think before you use lights, TVs and other electronic devices.
1. Insulate your pipes and ducts. While you are at it, install a water heater wrap!

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Ways to Recycle/Reuse

10. Participate in local electronic and hazardous waste pick-ups. Visit www.SWALCO.org for more information.
9. Look for recycled content in all products you buy. Post-consumer content is the best!
8. Compost your organic waste in a composter. In no time you'll have fresh fertilizer to feed your garden.
7. Volunteer your time to environmental causes. Bring your friends and family!
6. Print or write on both sides of paper. Use junk mail, cards and envelopes to jot down lists or notes.
5. Donate your car or gently used clothes, furniture, electronics or toys to a worthy cause.
4. Turn your trash into a treasure. Many things we throw away can be used in creating the next great invention or masterpiece!
3. Think before you throw. Can this be reused or recycled instead? Check Veolia's website, www.veoliaes-sw.com to find out what can and cannot be recycled.
2. When remodeling your home, try to reuse materials that are still in good condition. Also, consider hiring LEED certified professionals.
1. Reuse take-out containers, water bottles and boxes to store food and homemade sauces, or to sort trinkets, batteries and office supplies.