

## Water Saving Tips: General

Check for a suspected water leak in your home by making sure all water is shut off and checking the water meter. If the meter is running you may have a leak. The leak may be a running toilet or damaged pipe beneath the home or in the yard.

Approximately 50% of the water used in a home is hot water. Providing energy to heat the water is a major drain on utility bills. Cutting down on hot water use will save water and money.

Monitor water bills and water meters for unusually high use. Higher than usual totals can indicate a water leak, which can cost hundred of dollars a year.

When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.

Know where the master water shut-off valve is located at your home. This can save water and prevent damage to the home should a leak occur

Work aggressively with the local government and school system to encourage, develop and promote water conservation.

When the kids want to cool off, use a sprinkler in an area where the lawn needs it the most.

Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.

Setting cooling systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills saves water, chemicals and energy costs.

When replacing a pet's water, don't throw the old water out. Use it to water trees, shrubs or indoor plants.

Insulate all hot water pipes to avoid long delays while waiting for hot water when running a bathroom or kitchen faucet.

When replacing a hot water heater consider a "tankless" heater. Tankless heaters provide instant hot water, saving time, water and upwards of 60% on water heating bills.

Report all significant water losses (broken pipes, open hydrants, errant sprinklers, abandoned free-flowing wells, etc.) to the property owner, local authorities or your water agency.

Get involved in water management issues. Voice your questions and concerns at

public meetings conducted by your local, county and state government.

Be aware of and follow all water conservation and water shortage rules in effect in Wichita Falls. Good water conservations efforts by everyone benefit the entire community.

Encourage employers to promote water conservation in the workplace. See if water conservation can be put into employee orientation and training programs.

Encourage businesses to practice and promote water conservation such as only serving water upon request.