Water Conservation Checklist

Austin Water
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INDOOR TIPS

- [ ] **Check your toilet for leaks.** Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If it appears in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak that needs repair.
- [ ] **Replace older toilets with WaterSense® labeled high-efficiency models** that use only 1.28 gallons per flush or consider installing a dual flush model that can use even less.
- [ ] **Take shorter showers—try for less than 5 minutes.** If you take a bath, fill the tub half full.
- [ ] **Install water-saving aerators** on your bathroom faucets and **water-saving showerheads** that use 2.5 gallons per minute or less.
- [ ] **Turn off the water** while shaving, brushing your teeth, lathering in the shower, and shampooing or conditioning your hair.
- [ ] **Fix leaky or dripping faucets promptly.** Plumbing leaks account for approximately 14 percent of water consumed in the home.
- [ ] **Run your dishwasher and clothes washer with only full loads.** Scrape food from plates instead of rinsing them before washing.
- [ ] **Chill drinking water in the refrigerator** instead of running the faucet to cool water.
- [ ] **Replace your clothes washer** with a qualifying water-saving model.

Call 974-2199 or visit WaterWiseAustin.org for information on rebates and irrigation system evaluations as well as free aerators and showerheads.

OUTDOOR TIPS

- [ ] **Choose drought-tolerant plants when landscaping**, and group plants with similar water needs together (hydrozoning). Add **compost or mulch** around trees and plants.
- [ ] **Thoroughly check your irrigation system** each spring when you first turn it on and repair any leaks as soon as possible. Schedule a free irrigation system evaluation if needed.
- [ ] **Clean your driveway or sidewalk with a broom, not a hose.**
- [ ] **Water your lawn only on your assigned day** and adjust sprinklers so that only your lawn is being watered.
- [ ] **Install a rain barrel or rainwater harvesting system** to capture rainwater from your roof for use on your landscape.