

10 Ways to Conserve Water and Reduce Your Water/Sewer Bill

- 1. Turn the water off while you brush your teeth and save over two gallons a minute.**
- 2. Fix dripping faucets and running toilets.**
 - a. A leaky faucet that drips at a rate of one drop per second can waste up to 2,700 gallons per year.
- 3. Save water and money by choosing efficient showerheads, dishwashers, and other appliances.**
 - a. Look for products that have the EPA WaterSense label.
- 4. Only run your washing machine and dish washer when they are full.**
- 5. Dispose of chemicals properly at the Brown County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.**
 - a. Don't pour chemicals on the ground, into the sewer, or down the drain.
- 6. In the yard, use mulch to keep moisture from leaving the soil and minimize the need to water.**
- 7. If you must water the lawn, water in the early morning or evening, and try to avoid watering on windy days.**
 - a. This will limit the amount of water that is evaporated by the sun or blown onto sidewalks and driveways.
- 8. Plant a rain garden to add beauty to your yard, while absorbing and filtering runoff.**
 - a. Water absorbed in a rain garden will filter pollution otherwise headed for streams, and reduces your water bill.
- 9. Use a rain barrel to collect rain and help water your plants.**
 - a. Forty percent of the average homeowner's water use is outdoors. Rain barrels reduce the stress on municipal sewer systems during the dry, summer months.
- 10. Wash your car less often.**
 - a. It takes about 100 to 500 gallons of water to wash your car. Reducing the frequency of washing your car can reduce your water bill.