



[Many water conservation tips and appliances can also save you money.](#) (PRLEAP.COM) June 5, 2014 - Although you may have gotten used to the "drop... drop... drop..." rhythm of the slow drip in your shower, over time that water waste does add up. California as a whole had one of the warmest and driest winters ever, and we all know that we are in the middle of a severe drought and need to do our part to conserve water. Many tips are easy to remember and employ, "take shorter showers" and "only run the dishwasher when it is full." But there is much more you can do to help save water, which will also lower your water bill.

Preferred Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning offers a Water Conservation Inspection to help homeowners find possible leaks and create a custom plan to improve personal water consumption. Following are a few tips and products to consider, from Bruce Smith, president and general manager of Preferred Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning:

1. Check for and repair obvious leaks: In addition to that "drop...drop...drop" from showers or faucets, also look under all sinks and around faucet handles for signs of minor leaks. Outside too, make sure that all spigots can be completely turned off when not in use.

2. Shower Power:

the average family uses up to 40 gallons of water a day just for showers. We know you love your jet showerhead - but not to worry! There are a variety of water efficient brands available to reduce the flow of water without significantly reducing water pressure.

3. Faucet Flow:

Get in the habit of turning off the water while you brush your teeth or scrub dishes, and also consider replacing your old faucets. By installing flow efficient sink faucets, an average household can save more than 500 gallons of water each year.

4. Aerators to the rescue

: if you aren't up for total replacement for your faucets or showerheads, aerators are a quick and easy fix. These are the "tip" or "bottom" of the faucet that simply screw on. Low flow aerators add air to the water stream which decreases the amount of water flowing, but maintains the feeling of adequate water pressure.

5. Don't Fear the Flush:

toilets use the most water in our homes. Fortunately, there are a plethora of water-saving toilets available that are estimated to save a family of four at least 16,000 gallons and more than \$100 per year in water bills.

6. Water Efficient Appliances:

When it's time to replace major appliances, look to new water-saving brands for your

dishwasher and washing machine. Those with the Energy Star label will be the most efficient and can save you 3-6 or more gallons of water per dishwashers load. Energy efficient washing machines are designed to use less water, less energy and less detergent!

The need to conserve water will always be a fact. Depending on how much you are willing to invest in time and energy, there are quick and easy fixes or more impactful alternatives as well. When you total up the gallons of water and possible cost savings, these changes can have a significant effect on the drought and your wallet.

For a Water Conservation Inspection please call Preferred Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning at 760.863.0832 and we will be happy to create a custom plan for you.

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