



Be Wise About Water Usage

At last, we have rain! While it is welcomed, we are not out of the drought yet. Your representatives on the South Fork HOA board encourage all residents (owners and tenants) to be wise about water usage. Below are tips to help us to conserve water and keep our water bill down all year long.

Check for Leaks

Leaky faucets and toilets can add up to a hundred gallons of water each day. To check if you have a leaky toilet, put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. Avoid flushing for one hour. If the water in your toilet bowl has changed colors, you have a leak.

DIY Low-Flow Toilet

Fill a water bottle with sand or water and replace the cap. Place the bottle in your toilet tank away from the flush valves.

Food Preparation

Peel vegetables and place them in a bowl of clean water to rinse them all at once. Compost the peels or throw them in the trash instead of using the garbage disposable.

Reuse Water

Collect shower and dish water in a bucket or container to use to water outdoor plants and grass.

Use a Waste Basket/Trash Can

Using your toilet to flush down tissues and cigarette butts uses between 5-7 gallons per flush. Choose a waste basket for tissues. Make an outdoor "butt-catcher" from an old container or pot with sand to snuff out and dispose of cigarette butts.

Turn It Off

The simple act of turning off the water when brushing your teeth, lathering up, or shaving equals to hundreds of gallons of water saved in a month.

Run a Full Load

Whether it's laundry or your dishwasher, remember to run a full load to maximize water saving.

Go Low-Flow

Install water saving flow restrictors/aerators on faucets and shower heads. These inexpensive updates to existing fixtures save water and money.

Choose Light Load Options

When purchasing your next washer or dishwasher, consider a model that offers "light" or "half" load options.

Reduce Your Use

Make it a habit to reduce your water usage throughout the year, even after the water restrictions are lifted. After all, every little drop counts.