

Are You In?

Even though you can turn your tap on and have water whenever you need it, we don't have an endless supply of water.

Join the thousands of metro Atlanta residents who have taken the pledge to conserve water.

Tell us how you're saving water in and around your home or business, and find out how you can save more.



Take the water conservation pledge at www.MyDropCounts.org

Join the Society



Join the Society and pledge to significantly reduce your outdoor watering, or eliminate it altogether.

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The My Drop Counts water conservation campaign is a program of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.



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Water Conservation Tips



Our Region's Water Story

The rivers and lakes that supply our region with drinking water are relatively small because we are located near the headwaters, or origins, of several major river systems in our state. And we can't get much water from the ground because beneath our soil is a layer of thick granite.

Additionally, rainfall in metro Atlanta varies from year to year. On average, our region receives 50 inches of rain annually, but periods of drought are not uncommon.

We have to be very mindful of how much water our region withdraws for water supply and, individually, we must always use water wisely! Remember that water conservation is very important all year long, not just in times of drought.

Go to www.gadrought.org for the latest information on current drought status.

Bathroom

- Replace older toilets with high efficiency toilets. You may qualify for a toilet rebate. Go to northgeorgiawater.org/toiletrebate to learn more.
- Reduce your shower by 2 minutes and you can save 5 gallons per shower.
- Turn off the water while you shave or brush your teeth and you can save over 80 gallons a week.
- Check your toilet for leaks. Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank and wait 15 minutes. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, you have a leak.

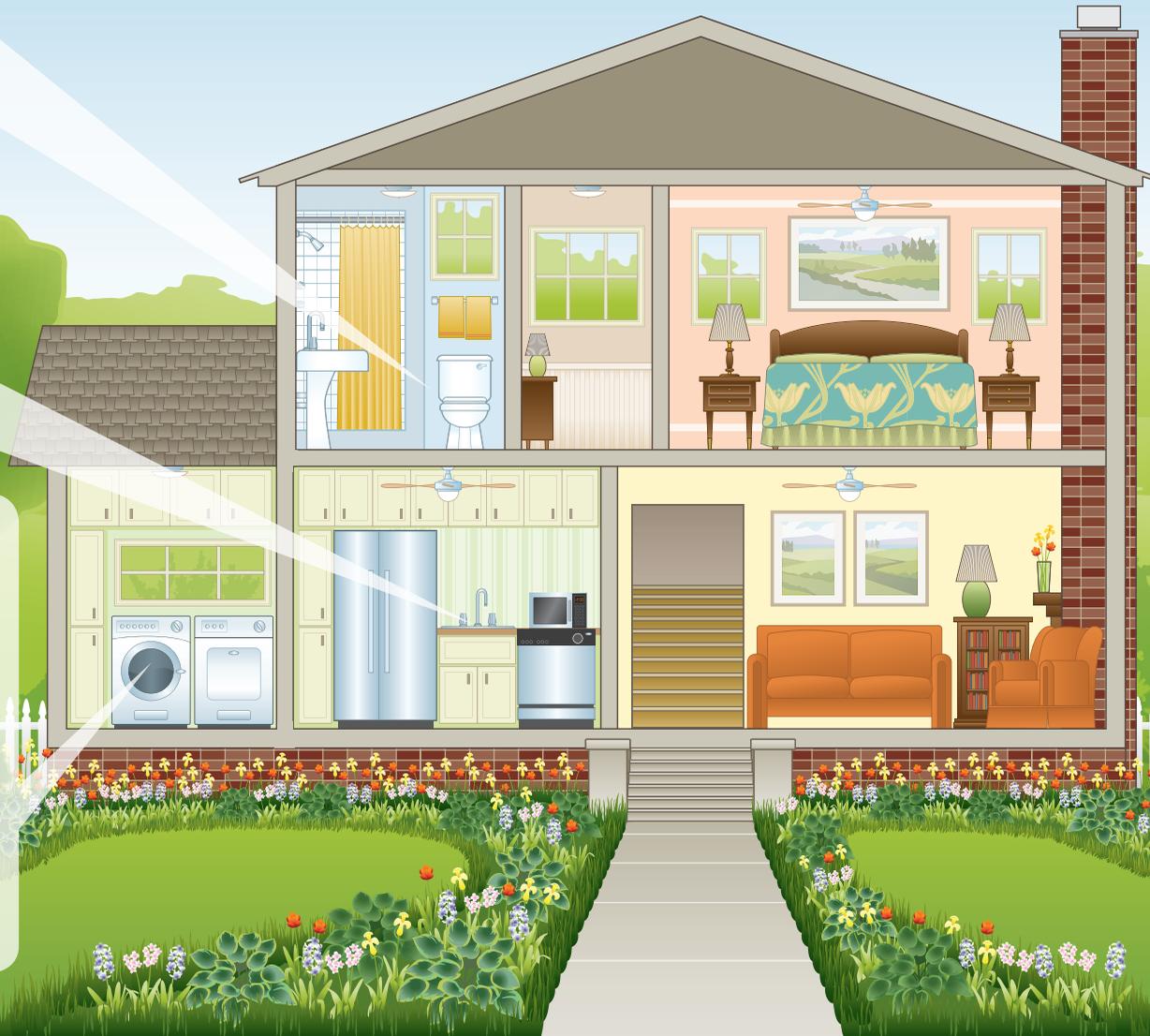
Kitchen

- Scrape your dishes instead of rinsing before placing in the dishwasher, and you can save 8 gallons a day.
- Limit dishwashing to FULL loads.
- Use the fridge to thaw frozen food as opposed to running water.

Around the House

- Look for EPA WaterSense and EnergyStar labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures. These products have been independently tested and verified to save at least 20% more water compared to conventional products.
- Fix leaky faucets as soon as you notice them. A leak of 60 drips a minute wastes 192 gallons a month.
- Do only FULL loads of laundry. Remember to remove laundry right away to prevent souring and to avoid having to double wash.

We all need to use water wisely.



Lawn and Garden

- Water lawns and outdoor plants before 10 am and after 4 pm. It's Georgia law.
- More plants die from over watering than from drought. One inch of rainfall or water every week in the growing season may be ideal for newer plants and lawns, but many plants, especially established plants, can survive on much less, even as little as one inch every 2-3 weeks.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street. Aim sprinklers more on your lawn and less on trees and shrubs.
- Install a rain sensor so your irrigation system won't run when it's raining.
- Landscape with native plants or plants that are well-adapted to our region, as they are more adaptable to periods of low rainfall.
- Water the base of the plant instead of leaves. This saves water and reduces disease.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together.
- Use a broom or leaf blower instead of a hose to clean your driveway, sidewalk and deck.
- Add mulch to plants. This helps hold water at the base of the plant and allows you to water less frequently.
- Be sure to inspect your irrigation system monthly to check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads.