

Don't be a drip—8 ways to save hot water

1. **Turn off the water.** No need to let it run while you shave.
2. **Make it a full load.** Run the dishwasher and clothes washer with full loads.
3. **Wash in cold water.** Clothes get just as clean.
4. **Fix the leak.** A leaky faucet can waste up to 2,700 gallons in a year.
5. **Take a shower.** Baths require 30 to 70 gallons while a shower uses 25 gallons in 10 minutes under a 2.5-gpm showerhead. Then, take a shorter shower.
6. **Use a trickle.** Go with a trickle, not a torrent for dish rinsing.
7. **Get an aerator.** Aerators come in a range of flow rates, cutting the water flow up to 3 to 4 gallons per minute.
8. **Install a low-flow showerhead.** Showerheads generally run from \$10 to \$20 and can cut water use in half.