



Sparkle in the kitchen

{1} Save with Energy Star-rated dishwashers

Choosing a dishwasher over hand-washing is actually the water-smart choice, according to University of Bonn research. Other ways to reduce the amount of water that goes down the drain? Energy Star-qualified dishwashers use up to 45 percent less water and 41 percent less electricity than old dishwashers; they also use much less HOT water, so you will save money on your water, electricity and gas bills.

{2} Reduce water consumption with low-flow faucets

Typically, new kitchen faucets come equipped with aerators that restrict flow rates to 8.3 litres per minute. But if you've got an older kitchen, aerators are an inexpensive way to conserve water. Low-flow faucets and aerators can reduce water use by 25 to 60 percent compared to non-aerated ones. For maximum water savings, purchase aerators that have flow rates of no more than 3.8 litres per minute.

Clean up in the laundry room

{3} Get the job done efficiently with new-generation clothes washers

Front-loading, high-efficiency washing machines use 40 percent less water and 60 percent less energy than conventional top-loading ones. And some steam washers can reduce water and energy use by as much as 70 percent.



Added bonus

Some municipalities, including the City of Toronto, offer rebates that make these washing machines an even more attractive option.



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Slow the flow in the bathroom

{4} Change your taps and showerheads

Bathing and showering use 35 percent of household indoor water use, but there are ways to cut the price of clean: Efficient showerheads use from 40 to 70 percent less water than inefficient ones; and, low-flow bathroom taps and aerators can halve water waste, resulting in savings of more than 30,000 litres per year.



{5} Make the right choice with low-flow and dual flush toilets

Older toilets are often the biggest water guzzler in the house, using about 30 percent of household indoor water. Newer low-flow and dual flush toilets use up to 60 percent less water than old toilets. In fact, low-flow toilets often use just 6 litres per flush (and some require as little as 3 litres per flush!). The water savings will usually pay for the toilet in less than a year.

* *Added bonus*

Rebates of \$60 to \$75 offered by municipalities such as the City of Toronto can help shorten that time frame.

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