



# WATER

## USE IT WISELY!

You can help save water by following these simple conservation tips . . .

- Take a 2 minute shorter shower and save an average of 500 gallons of water each month.
- Replace regular shower heads with low-flow shower heads and save an average of 600 gallons of water each month. (If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.)
- Take a “Navy” shower (wet down, turn off water, soap up, turn on shower and rinse off) and save 500 gallons of water each month.
- One person turning the water off when brushing their teeth and then turning the water on to rinse will save 3 gallons of water per day.
- A full bathtub uses 36 gallons of water. Fill to a minimum water level and save 26 gallons of water.
- Turn off water when shaving and save 550 gallons of water each month. Use a partially filled bathroom sink to rinse your razor instead of letting the water run.
- Fill up a sink basin or dish pan to rinse your dishes rather than letting the water run and save 750 gallons of water each month.
- Run your dishwasher on the short cycle and save 23 gallons each cycle. Only run the dishwasher when it is full.
- Turn off the water when washing your hands and save 1 gallon each wash.
- Use the short cycle when washing clothes and save 30 gallons each wash.
- Install a low-flow toilet that uses 1.6 gallons of water per flush which could save as much as 20% in water consumption compared to an older toilet which uses 5-7 gallons per flush.
- Water your lawn early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

### DID YOU KNOW

- A slow dripping faucet or leaky pipes can waste 20 gallons of water or more each day.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking, that way you are not wasting any water by running the tap to cool it off.
- There are approximately eight 16.9 ounce bottles of drinking water in one gallon. The City of Riverton charges per 1,000 gallons; that means you could fill up your reusable water bottle 7,574 times for \$2.24.
- When rinsing your fruits and vegetables, use a filled pan or bucket rather than running the water down the drain. This water can in turn be used to water houseplants or your yard.
- You cannot always hear a leaking toilet. Use a dye strip (obtainable at City Hall) or food coloring at least once a year to check for toilet leaks. Remove the toilet tank cover and drip ten drops of food color into the tank, wait 15 minutes and check for color in the toilet bowl. If there is color in the toilet bowl, you have a leak and it should be repaired immediately.
- A front-load washing machine uses 1/3 less water than a top-load washing machine.

