

## **WATER CONSERVATION METHODS**

The City of River Oaks Water Conservation Plan includes the following water conservation methods:

1. Public Information and education;
2. Plumbing Code
3. Meter testing and upgrades
4. Old and deteriorated waterline replacement
5. Leak detection and repair
6. Water conserving landscaping
7. Water use auditing
8. Certificate of Occupancy Inspections

## **WHAT CAN THE CUSTOMER DO TO AID IN WATER CONSERVATION?**



CHECK FOR LEAKS. A DRIP CAN AMOUNT TO 2,700 GALLONS IN A DAY.



WATER METERS REGISTER THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT A CUSTOMER USES. METERS HAVE A LEAK INDICATOR ON IT TO VERIFY IF YOU DO HAVE A LEAK. CALL THE CITY IF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE A LEAK AND LET THEM CHECK THE METER.



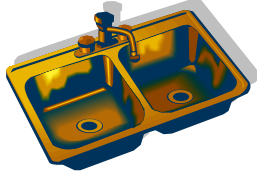
BUY AND INSTALL WATER SAVING FIXTURES. WHEN PURCHASING FIXTURES CHECK TO SEE WHAT THE MANUFACTURER RATES THE WATER FLOW AT. CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE FIXTURES ARE CODE APPROVED. REFERENCE STANDARDS INCLUDE ASSE, ASTM, OR ICC APPROVED.



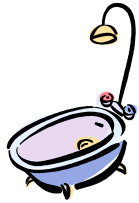
REPLACE OLD CONVENTIONAL TOILETS WITH A NEW 1.6 GALLON FLUSH. THAT CAN SAVE THE CUSTOMER IN SOME CASES UP TO AS MUCH AS 5 GALLONS PER FLUSH.



DON'T JUST LEAVE THE WATER RUNNING WHEN BRUSHING TEETH OR COMBING HAIR.



WHEN WASHING DISHES YOU CAN SAVE WATER BY FILLING ONE SIDE UP WITH RINSE WATER. DON'T JUST LEAVE THE WATER RUNNING.



DON'T FILL THE TUB COMPLETELY FULL WHEN BATHING. FILL THE TUB TO ONLY THE LEVEL NEEDED.



WATER THE YARD ONLY TWICE IN A WEEK. A GOOD RULE IS TO SET A SMALL SIZED TUNA CAN IN THE AREA AND ONCE IT FILLS UP THE YARD IS PROPERLY WATERED.



BUSHES AND SHRUBS USUALLY DON'T REQUIRE A LOT OF WATER TO KEEP THEM ALIVE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FLOOD THEM.



AVOID WATER WASTE. DO NOT WATER YOUR YARD SO MUCH THAT IT RUNS OVER INTO THE STREET. YOUR LAWN IS NOT A LAKE.



PLEASE SET LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEM CONTROLS TO WATER AT NIGHT OR EARLY IN THE MORNING. DO NOT SET THEM TO OPERATE DURING THE DAY BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. AND ABOVE ALL LIMIT THE TIME AND DON'T OVER WATER.



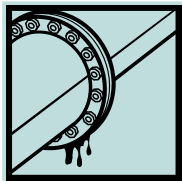
WHEN WASHING YOUR CAR DON'T JUST LEAVE THE HOSE ON THE GROUND AND LET IT RUN. TURN THE WATER OFF WHEN YOU ARE NOT ACTUALLY RINSING THE CAR OFF.



SUMMER IS THE TIME TO LET KIDS PLAY IN THE WATER. JUST REMEMBER THE WATER FLOWS TO YOUR HOUSE AT APPROXIMATELY 25 GALLONS PER MINUTE AND IN ONE HOUR THAT EQUALS 1,500 GALLONS OF WATER. LEAVING THE WATER HOSE RUNNING CONTINUOUSLY CAN ADD UP TO 36,000 GALLONS IN A DAY.



RAINWATER CAN BE CAUGHT AND USED FOR WATERING PLANTS AND OTHER NON-ESSENTIAL USES BUT NOT TO DRINK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RAINFALL HARVESTING AND OTHER DROUGHT INFORMATION GO TO THE TCEQ WEBSITE AT <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us>.



REPORT WATER MAIN BREAKS TO THE CITY.



FOR MORE ASSISTANCE CONTACT THE WATER DEPARTMENT AT 817-626-5421.