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There are many different factors to think about when trying to conserve water outdoors. The good news is, by conserving water you are not only helping to save our precious water resource, you are also saving money on your water bill! Please think about the following when using water outside:

### **Outdoor Conservation**

Irrigation systems:

- Install rain or soil moisture sensors. This will override your watering system when watering is not essential.
- Run irrigation during morning hours. This reduces evaporation.
- Periodically check for leaks in your irrigation system.
- Try not to run your irrigation system during windy days. Much of the water will get lost in evaporation and run off.

Landscaping:

- Try Xeriscape! These gardens will be drought-tolerant, so the weather patterns will not affect your landscape!
- Reduce your use of fertilizers. Small amounts of fertilizer, more often is a better practice than putting a lot on all at once.
- Use a watering can for plants and shrubs.
- Set your lawn mower to a higher setting. This reduces evaporation.
- Put a rain barrel under your gutter. Use this water to water your plants, wash your car, etc.

For more Outdoor Conservation tips, please visit our website at  
[www.pennichuck.com/water-restrictions-conservation/conservation/](http://www.pennichuck.com/water-restrictions-conservation/conservation/)



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There are also many different factors to think about when trying to conserve water indoors. These are typically day to day tasks that we do not think about as they are happening. By saving water indoors, you are also saving money on your water bill! Please think about the following when using water indoors:

### **Indoor Conservation**

- Drink from reusable water bottles. This cuts down on the amount of dishes that need to be done.
- When doing dishes, use the dishwasher for as many dishes as you can. Dishwashers use less water than cleaning by hand.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan instead of letting the water run.
- Make a soup from the leftover water from cooked or steamed foods! This is nutritious and water-saving!
- Do not defrost food using running water. Let it defrost overnight in the refrigerator or put it in a bowl of cold water.
- Repair any leaks you have around your home. Some may be small, but the water loss adds up over time.
- Ensure everyone in your home knows where the master water shut off is in your home. This could save you thousands of gallons of water if something were to happen!

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