



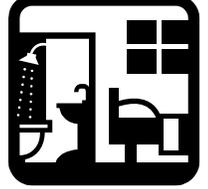
# CITY OF HOUSTON WATER EFFICIENCY CHECKLIST



## BATHROOM



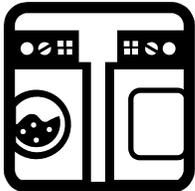
- Report water leaks to management immediately
- Limit showers to 5 minutes.
- Lower the water level for baths and save 20 gallons per bath.
- Install water-saving shower heads and faucet aerators.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Change out your water-guzzling toilet for a low-flow model.
- Check toilets for leaks and replace the tank flapper as needed.
- Never use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.
- Put a plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet tank if you don't have a low-flow toilet.



## KITCHEN

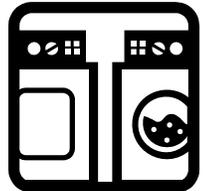


- Run dishwashers ONLY when full.
- When washing and rinsing the dishes do not let the water run. Wash and rinse dishes in the sink or dishpan, not with running water.
- Don't let the faucet run while cleaning vegetables or thawing frozen food.
- Keep a pitcher of cold drinking water in the refrigerator.



## LAUNDRY

- Adjust water levels, or run clothes washers ONLY when full. Washing with cold water also saves energy.



## OUTDOORS



- Use sprinklers and water outdoor plants only when necessary, in early morning hours to reduce evaporation.
- Choose native or drought-resistant plants.
- Maintain a layer of mulch around plants to retain water.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways or sidewalks.
- Limit drive way car washing, or make sure to use a bucket for soap and a hose with efficient shutoff sprayer



For more information on how to save water go to  
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