

7 Smart Ways to Save Water (and Money!)

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These water-saving products make every drop count. Some can even trim your electric bill.

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From a dual-flush toilet to a Wi-Fi-enabled sprinkler controller, these products can help reduce your home's water use inside and out. Image: Orbital Systems AB/High Sierra Showerheads/Niagara Conservation/Skydrop

Even if you live in an area where water is plentiful, drought can still strike thanks to climate change. In some parts of the country, water conservation is the law, and you can get serious fines — or even have your water service terminated — if you use too much H₂O.

To help keep your water usage low (and trim your utility bills in the process), we rounded up seven of the latest water-sipping products that make conserving a no-brainer.

1. A Maximum-Performance Toilet

Here's the deal: Your home's biggest indoor water hog is the toilet. Approximately 30% of a household's yearly indoor water use is flushed down the loo.

Toilets that were manufactured before 1992 can use up to 6 gallons per flush (gpf), but a commode that's earned the WaterSense label uses a mere 1.28 gpf. Installing one could reduce the amount of water used for flushing by up to 60%.

Product pick: The Stealth Dual Flush by Niagara. Dual-flush toilets are high-efficiency commodes that save water by providing a separate flush for solid and liquid wastes. The Stealth uses less than a gallon for solids and a mere half-gallon for liquid waste — almost double the efficiency required by WaterSense. You'll save nearly 20,000 gallons of H₂O and trim yearly water costs by \$165.

