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**Cottonwood**  
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# COLORADO WATER FOURTEENERS

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TIPS TO  
CONSERVE WATER  
INSIDE THE HOME

In the state known for its 14,000-foot peaks, saving water is important regardless of how deep the snowpack is every year. Conserving water must become a routine way of life. In Colorado, residents use between 85-100 gallons of water per person per day. Do the math to see how you can save.



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## COLORADO WATER LIVE LIKE YOU LOVE IT

### 1 FIX OR FIND LEAKS

Contact your water provider for help if you suspect an unidentified leak.

### 2 AVOID DRIPS

Replace washers in dripping faucets. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year.

### 3 PREVENT TOILET LEAKS

To check for toilet leaks, add a couple drops of food color to the back tank. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak. You can save thousands of gallons per year by repairing a leaky toilet flapper.

### 4 BUY WATERSENSE® PRODUCTS

WaterSense® labeled products save water inside and outside the home without sacrificing performance. Replacing old toilets can save at least 11,000 gallons a year!

### 5 TOSS INSTEAD OF FLUSHING

Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

### 6 DON'T BE A SHOWER HOG

Shortening a shower by only 1-2 minutes saves up to 700 gallons per year.

### 7 BRUSH AND WASH

Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash your face or shave after filling the basin.

### 8 SHOWER SENSE

A WaterSense® labeled showerhead can reduce the average family's annual water use by 2,900 gallons, save more than \$70 per year in energy and water costs, and conserve the amount of energy needed to power a home for 13 days every year!

### 9 COMPOST

Using the compost bin or garbage to dispose of food rather than the garbage disposal can save 50 to 150 gallons per month.

### 10 PACK YOUR WASHERS

Operate dish and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded.

### 11 SWITCH UP YOUR CLOTHES WASHER

By using a water-efficient clothes washer, you save about 27 gallons per load.

### 12 GO RETRO

Retrofit bathroom faucets with 1 gallon per minute (gpm) faucet aerators.

### 13 DEFROST IN THE FRIDGE

Avoiding running water to defrost food saves 50 to 150 gallons per month.

### 14 GET HELP

Check with your water provider for programs that can help you save water and money.

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