**How can you save money and Water?**

Simply turning off your tap when brushing your teeth can save as much as 3,000 gallons of water per year.

You can conserve even more by installing WaterSense® labeled bathroom sink faucets or faucets accessories. Doing so, an average household can reduce its water consumption by 500 gallons each year.

Investing in a high efficiency (HE) washing machine can save up to 30 gallons+ of water per load than that used in a typical older model top-loader. Use HE detergents for HE machines. Regular detergents are too sudsy and can cause these washers to use more water by extending the rinse cycle.

Choose the right soil setting for the load. Using the heavy-duty soil setting can use more water and extends wash time. The normal setting works for most loads. Pick the appropriate water level setting—often small, medium, large—for the load if that’s how your machine works. Front-loaders and most HE models use auto-load sensing to automatically determine the amount of water needed.

Replacing a standard 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilet with a new WaterSense® labeled high efficiency model can reduce water use by 20% or more. Replacing a pre-1994 model (3.5 gallon-per-flush toilet) can reduce it by 60% or more. That’s more than 4,000 gallons per person per year. That would save enough water to wash 100 loads of laundry.

Invest in a Rain Barrel to water your garden and outdoor plants. The Village offers up to $75 towards the purchase!

Always make sure your hoses connections are secure. If you chose to water your lawn, consider a timer, water in the morning to prevent evaporation and plant native plants that thrive in the area with limited water.

The average household could save more than 2,900 gallons per year by installing WaterSense® labeled showerheads. Since these water savings will reduce demands on water heaters, households will also save energy.

Consider shorter showers—reducing by 5 minutes saves 12.5 gallons!

Anyone who rinses the dishes before putting them in the dishwasher is not only failing to take advantage of its cleaning prowess but wasting water.

Dishwashers that have earned an Energy Star are, on average, 15 percent more water efficient than standard models. Consider using the dishwasher instead of handwashing, but when you do hand wash, fill the sink instead of letting the water run. And only run the dishwasher when full.