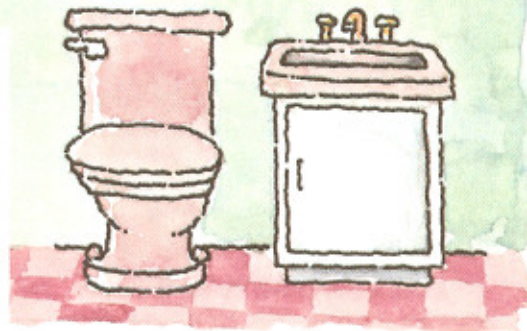


# 9 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE WATER IN THE BATHROOM



**1** **Check your toilets for leaks.** Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.

**2** **Stop using the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.** Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other small bit of trash, you waste five to seven gallons of water.

**3** **Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank.** To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill them with water and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from operating mechanisms. In an average home, the bottles may displace and save ten or more gallons of water a day.

**4** **Take shorter showers.** Long, hot showers can waste five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off.

**5** **Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.** Your local hardware or plumbing supply store stocks inexpensive water-saving shower heads or restrictors that are easy to install.

**6** **Take baths.** A bath in a partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.

**7** **Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.** There is no need to keep water pouring down the drain. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.

**8** **Rinse your razor in the sink.** Fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your blade just as well as running water. And far less wastefully.

**9** **Check faucets and pipes for leaks.** Even the smallest drip from a worn washer can waste 20 or more gallons a day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds.