

# The Do's and Don'ts of Water Conservation

City of Jackson, MS residents can save hundreds of gallons of water by following these water –saving tips:

## BATHROOM

**Do**

take shorter showers & save 3-5 gallons every minute.

**Do**

fill the tub halfway & save 10-15 gallons.

**Do**

install water-saving toilets , shower heads, and faucet aerators . Place a plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet tank if you can't switch to a low flow toilet.

**Don't**

run the water while shaving, washing your hands, or brushing your teeth. Faucets use 2-3 gallons/minute.

**Don't**

use the toilet as a wastebasket & don't flush it unnecessarily.

## EVERYWHERE

**Do**

check your water meter or bill to see how much water you are using. A good rule of thumb is 50-60 gallons/day/person.

**Do**

repair leaky faucets & turn taps off tightly. Slow drips waste 15-20 gallons/day.

## KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

**Do**

run the dishwasher & washing machine only when full. Save even more water by using the short cycle.

**Do**

install front-loading washing machines, which reduce water usage by using 40 percent.

**Don't**

let water run while washing dishes.

## OUTDOOR

**Do**

use a self-closing nozzle on your hose.

**Do**

position your downspouts so rain water runs into the lawn or into the garden, not down the driveway.

**Do**

plant drought-resistant trees/flowers and use mulch to keep the soil moist.

**Don't** water lawns during the heat of the day.

**Don't** use water to clean sidewalks or driveways – sweep them instead.

**City of Jackson Water/Sewer Division**

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