

The Villages



WATER WISDOM

SMART MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN

Laundry and Dishwashing Practices

Did you know that a running faucet can waste up to 3 gallons of water a minute? Did you know that an inefficient dishwasher can waste 5 gallons of water per load? Did you know that an in-efficient washing machine can waste as much as 22 gallons of water per load? Becoming a Water Wise resident, conserving water and saving money can be very easy with the simple tips that we have provided below.

Saving water when washing dishes:

- Only operate the dishwasher when you have a full load.
- Use water saving settings if available.
- Use your garbage disposal sparingly. Try scraping the dishes in the garbage instead.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water and fill the rinsing sink one-third to one-half full. Avoid letting the water run continuously in the rinsing sink.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
- When purchasing a new dishwasher look for a model that uses 6.5 gallons of water per cycle or less. Older models can use 11 gallons of water per load.

Saving water when washing laundry:

- Pre-treat stains to avoid re-washing.
- Check pipes for leaks.
- Select the minimum water level setting required per load for washers with variable settings.
- If load size cannot be set, operate with full loads only.
- When purchasing a new washing machine consider a water efficient model that uses 18-25 gallons of water per load or a front loader that uses 15-25 gallons per load. Older and non-water efficient models can use as much as 40 gallons of water per load.

The Villages Water Wisdom program aims to help you become a *Water Wise* resident and a better steward of our precious water resources.