Many water conservation methods can be accomplished by modifying just a few everyday habits and using inexpensive upgrades to fixtures in your home.

**Laundry:**
- If possible, replace older units with newer, high efficient models.
- By only washing full loads of laundry, you will conserve both water and energy.
- Use the water level setting, if your washer is equipped with one.
- Rinse with cold water and only use hot water when necessary.

**Kitchen:**
- Install aerators in all home faucets. By doing this, you will be able to increase spray velocity while reducing splash, water and energy use.
- If you wash dishes by hand, do not let the water run while you rinse. Fill one sink with soapy water and the other with clean rinsing water.
- Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape and scrub.
- Instead of using the garbage disposal, try composting your organic material.
- Scrape food off of dirty dishes instead of rinsing them. Newer models of dishwashers are able to handle some leftovers and pre-rinsing is not necessary.
- Only run your dishwasher when it has a full load in it.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. This is not only a waste of water, but it can increase the potential for a food borne illnesses. Instead, defrost them in the refrigerator overnight.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap every time you want a drink.
- Wash your produce in a partially filled pan instead of running the faucet, and use the left over water to water your household plants.

**Bathroom:**
- Like aerators, by installing low flow showerheads, you will be able to conserve water and energy.
- Try and limit your showers time to 5 minutes.
- **Baths use more water than showers so try not to fill the tub more than halfway**, and plug the bathtub before turning the water on and then adjust for temperature.
- Turn the faucet off while you shave and brush your teeth.
- If your home has older toilets, replace them with newer more water efficient models, or consider using a dual flush toilet.
- Do not use your toilet as a trash can.
- Check your faucets and toilets for leaks.