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KENDALL COUNTY'S TOP TEN TIPS THAT WILL HELP SAVE WATER

1. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Try this test: Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. If this is the case, set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. This practice can save anywhere between 750-1,500 gallons per month. Better yet, don't use timed sprinklers; water with a hose.
2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. This can save up to 20 gallons per day for every leak stopped.
3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. You can save 150 gallons each time. For a two-car family that's up to 1,200 gallons a month.
4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. This can save 500 to 800 gallons per month.
5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Depending how many loads you do, this can save 300 to 800 gallons per month.
6. Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. This could save 150 gallons or more each time. At once a week, that's more than 600 gallons a month.
8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. This could save 400 to 600 gallons per month.
9. Capture unused tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. This can save 200 to 300 gallons per month.
10. Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs. You can save up to 500 gallons per month.