

July 2015: Indoor Water Conservation Tips!



How To Reduce Water Consumption

1. **Never** pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. For example, use it to water your indoor plants!



2. **Repair** dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes **2,700** gallons of water per year.
3. Install a toilet displacement device to **cut down on the amount of water** needed to flush. Place a one-gallon plastic jug of water into the tank to displace toilet flow. Be sure installation does not interfere with the operating parts.
4. **Replace** your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version

5. Consider **rainwater harvesting** where practical.
6. Start a compost pile as an **alternate method of disposing of food waste** or simply dispose of food in the garbage. (Kitchen sink disposals require a lot of water to operate properly).



Making a Disaster Preparedness Plan? What to know?

How To Remain Safe

1. Meet with your family or household members.
2. Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
3. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate

1. Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel/motel, stay with friends or relatives in a safe location or go to an evacuation shelter if necessary.
2. Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on your map in case roads are impassable.
3. Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation route.

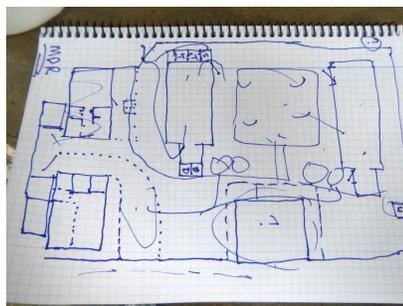
Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency

Choose TWO places to meet:

1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire.
2. Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Choose an **out-of-area emergency contact person**. It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing

- ✓ **Make a Kit** ✓ **Make a Plan** ✓ **Be Informed**



Additional Information & Templates?
<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>