

Slow the Flow



While water is everywhere around us, it's important to use it wisely, especially during the summer when there is a greater demand for more water.

To conserve water, follow these easy steps:

- Repair leaky toilets and faucets. Close your taps tightly.
- Install low-flow showerheads. They save thousands of gallons of water every year.
- Save two to four gallons of water by shutting off the faucet while shaving. Save one to two gallons by shutting off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- Take short showers—a bath uses more water. If you must take baths, fill the tub only half way.
- Make sure your washing machines and dishwashers are full before you run them.

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Play Safely

Cool off this summer the safe way. Take a swim at one of the city's public swimming pools or play in the spray at city spray grounds. Children also enjoy cooling off by using a garden hose and lawn sprinkler. For a list of public swimming pools or spray grounds, call 3-1-1.

Swim Healthy!

Swimming is not permitted in Philadelphia creeks. Sewers may overflow. During and right after it rains, polluted water may flow from sewer pipes into creeks. To protect your health, do not come in contact with rivers and streams during and right after it rains.

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Opening fire hydrants to cool off in the summer is never a good idea and it is illegal. Using the wrong tools can damage hydrants and they may not work when firefighters need to use them. It's important that fire hydrants are ready and in good working condition in the event of a fire to protect you and your neighbors.

An open hydrant wastes 1,000 gallons of water per minute and causes low-water pressure in homes, hospitals and businesses. So, remember that hydrants are for fires, not for fun!



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