

# WATER



## Simple and Substantive Ways to Save Water and Lower Your Bill.

Our WaterSmart tool makes it easy to see where you're using the most water and get recommendations customized to your household. Get started at [cityofpaloalto.org/watersmart](http://cityofpaloalto.org/watersmart). Here are some steps you can take today to make your home more water-friendly inside and out.

### THE SIMPLE TASKS:

- 💧 Turn off your irrigation system and let nature water your landscape for you.
- 💧 Collect shower water in a bucket while it gets hot and use it for your plants.

### THE EASY FIXES:

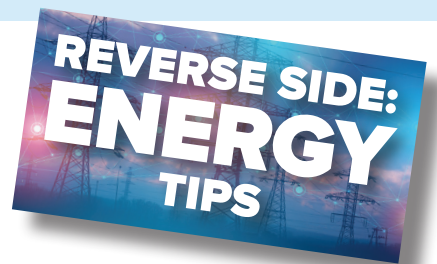
- 💧 Check your toilets, sinks, and irrigation systems for sneaky leaks. Utilize WaterSmart's leak detection tool for step-by-step advice on how to investigate and fix common leaks.
- 💧 Install efficient showerheads and aerators—order these devices for free from Valley Water's shopping cart.

### THE BIGGER IDEAS:

- 💧 Upgrade to a Weather-Based Irrigation Controller.
- 💧 Replace older toilets with high-efficiency toilets.
- 💧 Collect and store rainwater with a rain barrel.

—Rebates available!

**Find more water-saving tips and available rebates at [cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips](http://cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips)**



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# ENERGY

**TIPS**

## Simple and Substantive Ways to Lower Your Energy Bill.



If you're looking for ways to lower your energy bill this winter, call the Home Efficiency Genie for a free consultation. Our expert and impartial advisors offer over-the-phone energy and water efficiency advice to help Palo Alto residents save money and stay comfortable. Here are some ways to start saving on your own with help from the Genie.

### THE SIMPLE TASKS:

- ⚡ Program your thermostat to turn on only when you are home and need to heat.
- ⚡ Use your curtains to let the sunshine in and keep the cold out.
- ⚡ Unless you are having a fire in your fireplace, keep the damper closed.

### THE EASY FIXES:

- ⚡ Replace your furnace filter to optimize efficiency and keep your air clean.
- ⚡ Upgrade your home's incandescent lighting to LEDs.
- ⚡ Weather-strip and caulk around your doors, windows, and air leakage points.

### THE BIGGER IDEAS:

- ⚡ Upgrade your attic insulation to keep your home comfortable year-round.
- ⚡ Check the condition and age of your water heater. Consider upgrading to a heat pump water heater (HPWH) at [cityofpaloalto.org/switch](http://cityofpaloalto.org/switch)

**Find more energy efficiency tips and information about HPWHs at [cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips](http://cityofpaloalto.org/efficiencytips)**

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