



Water Conservation & Efficiency

Although 70 percent of our planet is covered with water, less than one percent is drinkable. The Flint, Mich., water crisis and drought in South Africa threatening Day Zero, are just a couple examples that shine the spotlight on a growing global issue. The International Code Council Family of Companies joins the many jurisdictions, manufacturers, organizations and individuals around the world who are working to improve water conservation, bring water efficient products to market, label new homes and structures as more water efficient and spread the word about the need for smart water use. The Code Council is dedicated to helping solve these problems through modern building codes and standards that lead to resilient communities, safe plumbing, efficient technologies and a well-trained, professional workforce of code officials and plumbing professionals to maintain these systems.



Tips for Conserving Water at Home

1. Don't flush trash down the toilet. Five to seven gallons of water is wasted every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue or other small bit of trash.
2. Check your toilets, faucets and pipes for leaks regularly.
3. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.
4. Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.
5. Insulate your water pipes.
6. Take shorter showers. The recommended time is 5 minutes.
7. Don't run the water while brushing your teeth.
8. Only wash clothes and run the dishwasher when there is a full load.
9. Don't leave the water running when washing dishes by hand.

How to Get Involved

Communities throughout history have dealt with water concerns. Get involved within your local community and help spread awareness by doing the following:

1. Talk to your family about water conservation and efficiency.
2. Share information on your website or social media.
3. Share news releases with your local newspapers, radio stations and television networks to encourage local media to cover stories related to water conservation.
4. Share information with your public information officer, city manager or mayor.
5. Plan community events to raise awareness.
6. Attend local events about building safety.
7. Stay up to date on the latest code developments by reading the Building Safety Journal. Learn more at www.iccsafe.org/building-safety-journal.
8. Contact the code officials in your area to learn more about the building industry and discover local volunteer opportunities.
9. Become a Council member to gain access to critical news, innovative training, expert technical support and exclusive savings.