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Smart Water Use

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Tips for Laundry and Linen Suppliers

Please note that these suggested measures are not intended to supersede more stringent federal, state, Tribal, or local health and safety regulations.

General

- Assign an employee to monitor water use and waste.
- Seek employee suggestions on water conservation and locate suggestion boxes in prominent areas.
- As appliances and fixtures wear out, replace with water-saving models.
- Determine the quantity and purpose of water being used. Determine other methods of water conservation.
- Increase employee awareness of water conservation.
- Install signs in employee and customer restrooms encouraging water conservation.
- Read water meter weekly to monitor success of water conservation efforts.
- Conduct contests for employees (e.g., posters, slogans, or conservation ideas.)
- When cleaning with water is necessary, use budgeted amounts.

Maintenance

- As appliances or fixtures wear out, replace them with water-saving models.
- Avoid excessive boiler and air conditioner blow down. Monitor total dissolved solids levels and blow down only when needed.
- Avoid excessive filter or softener back flush. Back flush only when needed.
- Check water supply system for leaks and turn off any unnecessary flows.
- Install flow reducers and faucet aerators in all plumbing fixtures whenever possible.
- Keep hot water pipes insulated.
- Reduce the load on air conditioning units by shutting off air conditioning when and where it is not needed.
- Reduce the water used in toilet flushing by either adjusting the vacuum flush mechanism or installing toilet tank displacement devices (dams, bottles, or bags).
- Repair dripping faucets, showers and continuously running or leaking toilets.
- Shut off water supply to equipment rooms not in use.

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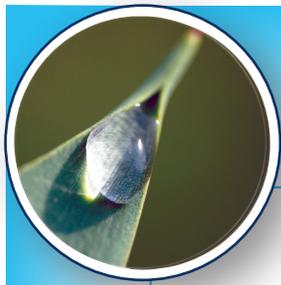


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Operations

- Evaluate wash formula and machine cycles for water-use efficiency.
- Recycle water where feasible consistent with state and county requirements.
- Reduce water levels to minimize required water per load.
- Reprogram machines to eliminate a rinse or suds cycle, if possible, and if not restricted by health regulations.
- Wash full loads only.

Outdoor Maintenance (including landscaping, pools and spas, turf management, and other outdoor water management issues)

- See the Tips for Outdoor Maintenance page for more information.

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