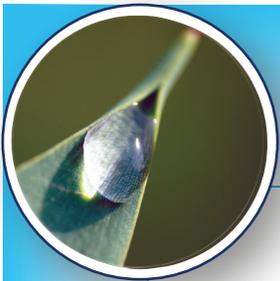


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Tips for Travel Lodging

Hotels, Motels, Inns, Resorts, Bed & Breakfasts, and Other Lodging

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.
- Conduct contests for employees (e.g., posters, slogans, or conservation ideas).
- Determine other methods of water conservation.
- Determine the quantity and purpose of water being used.
- Increase employee awareness of water conservation.
- Install signs encouraging water conservation in employee and customer restrooms.
- Read water meter weekly to monitor success of water conservation efforts.
- Seek employee suggestions on water conservation; locate suggestion boxes in prominent areas.
- 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.
- Change window cleaning schedule from periodic to an on-call/as required basis.
- 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.
- Minimize the water used in cooling equipment, such as air compressors, in accordance with the manufacturer recommendations.
- Reduce the load on air conditioning units by shutting air conditioning off 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.
- Switch from wet or steam carpet cleaning methods to dry powder methods.

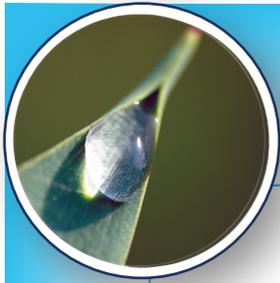
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Kitchen Area

- Turn off the continuous flow used to clean the drain trays of the coffee/milk/soda beverage island; clean the trays as needed.
- Turn dishwasher off when not in use. Wash full loads only.
- Replace spray heads to reduce water flow.
- Use water from steam tables to wash down cooking area.
- Do not use running water to melt ice or frozen foods.
- Use water-conserving ice makers.
- Recycle water where feasible, consistent with state and county requirements.
- Recycle rinse water from the dishwasher or recirculate it to the garbage disposer.
- Presoak utensils and dishes in a basin of water instead of using running water to rinse.
- Wash vegetables in a basin of water instead of using running water.
- Use water from steam tables in place of fresh water to wash down the cooking area.

Bar

- Do not use running water to melt ice in the sink strainers.

Laundry

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

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.