

In an effort to promote water conservation Stanly County Utilities also offers its customers rebates of \$20.00 for the replacement installation of low flush toilets and \$4.00 for low flow shower heads. New homes and new construction projects are not eligible for the rebate.

If you have questions about the conservation measures, please feel free to contact the utilities department for more information at (704) 986-3691.

OUTSIDE TIPS

Sidewalks & driveways

Use a broom instead of a water hose to clean debris from patios, porches, driveways, and sidewalks.

Sprinklers & irrigation systems

Don't water pavement! Position sprinklers so that your lawn and garden receive all the water.

Lawn care

Deep soak weekly in the early morning or evening when the least evaporation occurs. Aerate your lawn.

Landscaping

Drought-tolerant plants need less water. Add mulch to slow evaporation.

Mowing

Longer grass means less evaporation. Let grass grow taller (about 3") in hot, dry weather. Set the mower one notch higher.

Car washing

Use a bucket to wash your car. Keep a nozzle on the hose to save water. Or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

Pool care

Use a pool cover to keep water clean and reduce evaporation. Recycle water for use on lawn or garden.

Valves & Hoses

Regularly check pipes, hoses, valves, and faucets for leaks.

INSIDE TIPS

Dishwasher & Clothes washer

Run only full loads. When the time comes to replace your machine purchase one that uses less water and is more energy efficient.

Drinking water

Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator and use ice instead of running the tap until the water is cold.

Toilet

Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Check your toilet for leaks. Add food coloring (5-10 drops) to the water in the tank at the back of your toilet. Wait 15 minutes and if the color appears in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak. Have it fixed or replace the toilet.

Shower

Install water saving shower heads. Turn off water while soaping up or shampooing. Take shorter showers and save 5-10 gallons per minute.

Bathing

An average tub holds more than 50 gallons of water. Conserve water by only partially filling the tub.

Shaving

Use a partially filled sink or short blasts of water to rinse your razor. Don't let the water run while you shave. Most of that water goes straight down the drain.

Brushing teeth

Don't run water while brushing. Fill a glass for rinsing.

Faucets

Repair leaks and install low flow aerators. A faucet dripping at a rate of one drop a second wastes 2,700 gallons a year. A constant drip can waste as much as 1,100 gallons per day.