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# WATER

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## **MORE THAN WATER DOWN THE DRAIN.**

An average New Yorker uses 100 gallons of water every day and much of it is money down the drain. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection has estimated that such leaks are responsible for 14 percent of the city's water use. Home owners pay up to \$671 annually for a leaky faucet and \$932 for a leaky toilet. Wasted water also pollutes New York City's waters. The local sewage system is easily overloaded; every year, more than two billion gallons of raw, untreated sewage winds up in the city's waterways.



# You Can Save Water Without Sacrifice

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1. Install a low-flow showerhead. There are many affordable options that can provide strong water pressure.
2. Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth.
3. Cut one minute from your shower time to save gallons.
4. Don't let tap water run while you wash your dishes. Use a dishwasher if you have one.
5. Fix water leaks. Even a small leak can waste a lot of water (and money!).
6. Plant a tree! Request a free street tree from MillionTreesNYC. Trees absorb water and reduce run-off.