

Water Conservation and Plumbing

Water and Plumbing Tips

Kitchens

- Clean vegetables in a partially filled sink rather than under running water.
- Steaming vegetables uses less water than boiling and conserves more vegetable nutrients.
- Keep drinking water in the fridge rather than running the cold water tap.
- Check faucets and taps for leaks and drips. Report any leaks to your Program Manger.
- Never pour fats, oil or grease or any chemical or cleaning products down the sink or drain.

Laundry

- Be sure to wash only full loads of laundry in the washing machine using the correct detergent (usually HE).

Washrooms

- Take short showers instead of baths.
- If you hear the toilet running, report the issue to the Program Manager.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Do not flush hot water down the toilet, it can cause leaks and cracks.
- Where possible do not store items above the toilet often they are dropped in and flushed.

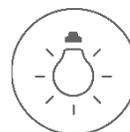
Do Not Flush these items down the toilet:

- Dental floss; it can become wrapped around the backflow valve in the sanitary sewer pipe, resulting in sewer backup in your home.
- “Flushable” wipes, are not really flushable and cause clogs and back-ups.
- Cleaning wipes, disposable diapers and cotton swabs. These products are not “flushable” and can quickly clog up the pipes.
- Cooking fats, oils and grease – these products cannot be broken down by flushing with hot water and soap. They will clog pipes over time.
- Other paper or sanitary products. These can clog the pipes.

Items that end up in the toilet that don't belong there which cause a clog, will be the responsibility of the tenant to repair.

Westwinds Communities provides you a plunger to use as needed.

For more information on water conservation tips, check with the local town office.



Only flush toilet paper and human waste down the toilets.