



10 Easy Steps to Save **Water** & Money  
from the  
**Lowell GREEN Building Commission**  
**\$433+ of savings inside**



- 1) Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and doing the dishes.  
(savings of \$70 a year )
- 2) Replace two old faucets and a shower head with low flow aerators.  
(save up to \$128 a year)
- 3) Set your mower height to 3" and mulch your clippings. Thicker lawns require less watering and the clippings act as fertilizer.  
(\$24 a year saved in water and fertilizer)
- 4) Use a clothes line or a drying rack instead of a dryer.  
(save up to \$90 a year)
- 5) Take a quicker shower. Shower for 8 minutes instead of 10.  
(save \$22 a year)
- 6) Repair any leaks in toilets, sinks and showers.  
(20% of fixtures leak, costing you apx. \$12 a year)
- 7) Turn the setting on your water heater down to 120° F instead of 140° F.  
(save \$87 of your yearly energy bill)
- 8) Planting native plant species and grasses can reduce your yard maintenance and watering needs.  
(save 85% compared to non-native plants)
- 9) Water lawns and plants before 10am.  
(apx. 65% of water is lost to evaporation in the heat of summer )
- 10) If everyone in Lowell were to reduce their water use by 1 gallon a day (which equals 20 seconds of running the sink) , we could save \$28 thousand every year that could be used for further improvements in our community.

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\*all are estimates based on an average of multiple factors and are only intended for illustrating potential savings under ideal circumstances