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	Check for leaking tops	Doing routine checks for leaking or running faucets, spigots, or other water sources around your house is a great habit to get into. Especially for lesser-used water sources, a constant running or leaking faucet that goes unnoticed for an extended period of time can waste fully use a significant amount of water.	Low	Eosy	Getting in the habit of checking your faucets is free. However, if you do find a leak, the cost may vary to remedy the problem. It could be a matter of a couple dollars to replace washers or secure connections, or it could be more expensive if components need to be replaced.
	Make full use of dishwasher space	Setting the most out of each load of dishes you run through the dishwasher can ensure you get the most accomplished for the water and energy you use - since the same amount of resources are used whether you wash a full load or a single dish.	Low	Easy	This could actually save you a little bit over time between water and energy costs.
	Maximize the use of each load of laundry	Adjusting your washing machine's settings to use only the amount of water required and trying to do larger loads of laundry at a time can reduce the water and energy used significantly over the years.	Low	Easy	This can save you money between water, energy, and detergent costs!
	Turn off faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving	This is simply a good habit to get into. Turn the water off if you're not actively using it. If you're paying for municipal water, you can actually save a little money by adopting this habit too.	Low	Easy	Results in sovings!
	Turn off faucet when washing dishes	Running water when you're soaping up and scrubbing the dishes is not necessary. Try to organize your sink setup to where you are able to scrub the dishes, then turn on the water to rinse, allowing you to minimize the time your water is running.	Low	Eosy	If you pay for municipal water, this could actually save you a little bit over time.
	Install a water efficient shower head	Similar to a low-flow faucet, there are also shower heads that can reduce the amount of water used by optimizing the water pressure and flow.	Medium	Easy	Low flow shower heads are common and usually around the same price as any equivalent quality shower head.
	Install low-flow faucets and toilets	Low flow faucets intentionally push only the amount of water necessary for activities like washing your hands or showering. Depending on your current faucet and what you transition to, you could reduce unnecessary water usage by 50% or more!	Medium	Eosy	Low flow faucets have become fairly standard and are around the same price as regular flow faucets.
	Insulate your water pipes	Putting insulation on your water pipes can reduce the loss of heat, allowing you to use less energy in heating water and less water waiting for it to get warm. It can also help manage condensation that can cause corrosion or drips into your basement.	Medium	Easy	Pipe insulation can be found at most hardware stores for cheap. Usually, a 6 foot long piece of insulation can be found for within about \$3.
	Harvest and use your rainwater	We often have fresh, clean water falling from the sky that we can use for all sorts of things - but few people collect it. You can reduce your water use and reliance on municipal water by using rain barrels. However, this isn't legal in all states unfortunately.	High	Easy	A typical durable large rain barrel can cost anywhere from \$40 - \$80.
	Drip irrigation	Drip irrigation can conserve impressive amounts of water and fertilizer compared to hand watering or other irrigation systems. By placing the drip irrigation strategically to nourish the plant, you're avoiding overwatering or aggressive water pressures that can wash away soil and valuable nutrients.	Medium	Challenging	Cost for a drip irrigation system will largely depend on the size of the area and whether you're planning to install it yourself or hire someone. According to Home Advisor, the average residential drip irrigation system costs around \$350 (t).
	Greywater system	Greywater systems are designed to reuse water after running through a washing machine, shower, or sinks. This is often used for irrigation in gardens and lawns. It is essential to use all natural and plant-friendly cleaners for any water that is used in a greywater system.	Medium	Challenging	According to Elemental Green, a simple laundry greywater system could be as low as \$150 - \$300 (±). However, for more complex systems, additional sources, or installation (if you're not going DIY) could be more pricey.
	Replace your old dishwasher with an energy and water efficient (5 star) dishwasher	Home appliances like dishwashers have come a long way in terms of efficiency gains. By upgrading to a modern, Energy Star certified dishwasher, you can enjoy significant savings in energy and water consumption.	Medium	Somewhat Difficult	Upgrading a dishwasher can be a bit expensive, ranging anywhere from around \$400 to \$1,200+. However, you will save some money over time in reduced energy and water costs.
	Dual flush toilets	Dual flush toilets usually have two buttons on top rather than a lever. One button is for a lighter flush that uses less water. This allows you to intentionally reduce the amount of water used depending on what you're flushing.	Medium	Somewhat Difficult	Toilet prices can vary significantly, but can usually be found around \$200 - \$400 on average.
	Military shower for washing your body	A 'military shower' is a common name for a method of showering where you rinse, turn the water off and scrub with soap, and then turn the water on again to rinse off. The entire goal of this is to conserve as much water as possible.	Medium	Somewhat Difficult	Results in savings!
	Native or adapted landscaping	Native plants are well-acclimated to the local environment, so they do not require fertilizers, extra watering, or additional maintenance like non-native plants do.	Medium	Somewhat Difficult	If you're a savvy gardener and love to transplant, you can find plenty of native plants for free. Just be cautious of minimizing damage to the source location and beware of protected plants in your area.
	Replace your old washing machine with an energy and water efficient (5 star) washing machine	In recent years, washing machines have continued to become more and more efficient in terms of energy and water use. Depending on your current model, you could see a tremendous improvement by upgrading to an Energy Star certified washer.	Medium	Somewhat Difficult	A new washing machine could cost around \$500 - \$750 or more depending on the model and style, but may result in sovings in energy and water costs.