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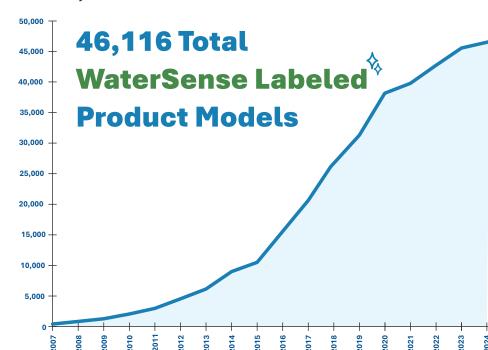


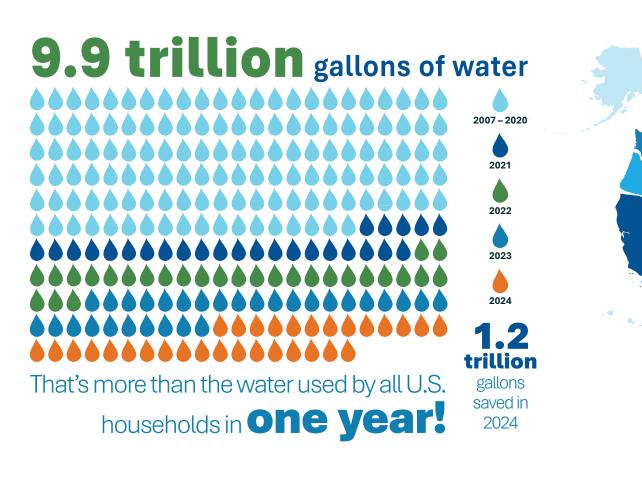
2024 WaterSense Accomplishments



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WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), partners with manufacturers, retailers, builders, utilities, organizations, and communities to help consumers and businesses save water, energy, and money. Since 2006, the WaterSense label has made it easy to identify and choose water-efficient products, homes, and programs. Millions of Americans select WaterSense for certified, high-performing products to drive down water waste and utility bills.



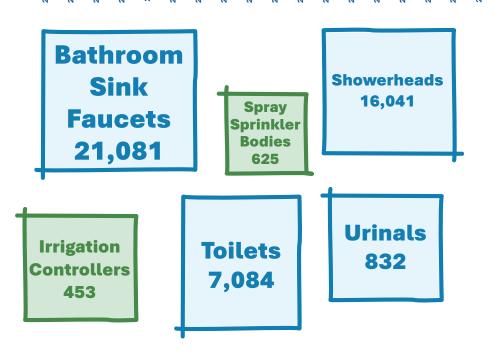


Nearly 1 billion WaterSense labeled products have been shipped by manufacturers

Labeled products have helped **reduce** the amount of **energy** needed to pump, treat, and heat water by

1.1 trillion kilowatt hours, enough to supply a year's worth

of power to more than



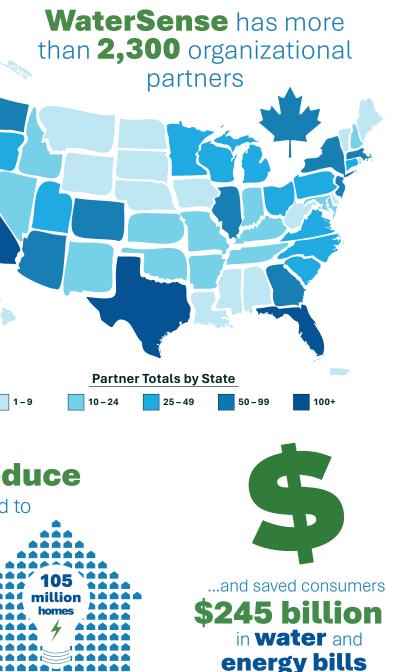
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Sustained Excellence Award Winners

Athens-Clarke County (Georgia) Public Utilities Department • Big Bear Lake (California) Department of Water and Power • Citrus County (Florida) Utilities • City of Charlottesville (Virginia) • City of Durham (North Carolina) Water Management • City of Plano (Texas) • City of Sacramento (California) Department of Utilities • Fulton Homes • Harris-Galveston (Texas) Subsidence District • Irvine Ranch (California) Water District • KB Home • Kohler Co. • Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District • Niagara® • Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District • Sonoma-Marin (California) Saving Water Partnership • The Home Depot • Upper San Gabriel Valley (California) Municipal Water District

Partners of the Year

Broward County (Florida) Government • City of Bend (Oregon) • City of Flagstaff (Arizona) • City of Round Rock (Texas) • East Bay (California) Municipal Utility District • Monte Vista (California) Water District • Moulton Niguel (California) Water District • Rancho California Water District • Santa Clara Vallev (California) Water District • Tarrant (Texas) Regional Water District



Excellence Award Winners

Arlington (Texas) Water Utilities • City of Lakeland (Florida) Water Utilities • City of Oklahoma City • Cobb County (Georgia) Water System • Department of Water, County of Kaua'i (Hawaii) • Hilton Head (South Carolina) Public Service District • Kearns (Utah) Improvement District • Santa Clarita Valley (California) Water Agency • Alameda County (California) Water District • California Water Service Company • City of Tucson (Arizona)/Tucson Water • JEA (Florida) • Medford (Oregon) Water Commission • Metropolitan Council (Minnesota) • Veolia North America • Alliance for Water Efficiency • G3, Green Gardens Group • California Water Efficiency Partnership • Metropolitan Water District of Southern California • Beazer Homes USA, Inc. • Marin (California) Municipal Water District • Utah Division of Water Resources

Homeowner Associations Get Help With High Water Bills

EPA has posted a <u>resource hub</u> to help homeowner associations reduce outdoor water use and high water bills. An *HOA Outdoor Water Efficiency Roadmap* guides efforts to advance water conservation in community common spaces. From understanding water bills, to educating community members and rallying support, each phase offers tools and links to additional resources. The hub also includes HOA <u>case studies and success</u> <u>stories</u> to inspire community leaders.



Home Maintenance Made Easy With a Checklist for Saving Water and Utility Costs



Properly maintaining fixtures is an important part of making sure your plumbing and irrigation systems perform well, save water, and keep utility costs down. WaterSense's new <u>Home</u> <u>Maintenance web page</u> includes a *Maintenance Checklist for a Water-Efficient Home* to provide homeowners with tips to keep water-using fixtures in tip-top shape. The checklist suggests home maintenance tasks that can be performed daily, monthly, annually, or every few years to save water and provides more detailed explanations of each task.

Reverse Osmosis Systems Allow Water Treatment With Less Waste

EPA created a *Guide to Selecting Water Treatment Systems* to inform consumers about drinking water treatment technologies and various options to meet their treatment needs. One technology, point-of-use reverse osmosis (RO) systems, can waste a significant amount of water during operation. In November 2024, EPA released the *WaterSense Specification for Point-of-Use Reverse Osmosis Systems* to help consumers save money by identifying products that will waste less water in the treatment process. A WaterSense labeled model will reduce water waste by more than 3,100 gallons per year on average compared to a traditional point-of-use RO system.



WaterSense Labeled Homes Continue to Perform Well and Drive Down Costs



More than a decade after construction, the zHome community (the first community of all WaterSense labeled homes) in Issaquah, Washington, has demonstrated a 77 percent water savings on average compared to typical homes in the area over the past decade. That amounts to over 53,000 gallons of water saved per home each year, and \$600 per home saved annually in combined water and energy utility costs! WaterSense partners Cascade (Washington) Water Alliance and the City of Issaquah worked together to evaluate the <u>continued water</u> savings and satisfaction of homeowners. They found that 86 percent of residents surveyed strongly agreed they are satisfied with their WaterSense labeled home.

Coming in 2025: Find and Fix in 5 Minutes Campaign

New for Fix a Leak Week, the Find and Fix in 5 Minutes campaign offers homeowners five simple steps they can take for a few minutes per day to save water and money all year long, including: reviewing their water bill, looking for leaks, doing a toilet dye test for silent leaks, replacing their toilet flapper, and installing a new faucet aerator. The campaign provides an overview of the basic steps to stop wasting up to 10,000 gallons of water per year from leaks!



