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## **better water. pure and simple.™**

*Don't be an April Fool! Learn to save water, which in turn will save money and be better for the earth's most precious resource....Water! There are a number of ways to save water and they all start with you! For example:*

*When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water constantly run while rinsing. Simply fill one sink with wash water and the other sink with rinse water.*

*Only run your washing machine and dishwasher when you have full loads.*

*You may notice a leaky faucet indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks. Minor leaks can add up to big dollars and are the number one cause of water softeners running out of soft water before they need to regenerate.*

*A simple test to see if your toilet has a leak is to put food coloring in the back of the tank. This will indicate whether the ball valve is set properly. This is a silent water waster, causing you to use hundreds of gallons of water without even noticing it, and running the amount of soft water down before it is time to regenerate. Fixing this problem can add up to big savings!*

*Make sure that the toilet flapper valve does not stick open after flushing.*

*Time your showers to keep them under 5 minutes! You'll save gallons of water and that translates into big dollar savings. Educate your children on water conservation. Teenagers are the biggest water wasters in most households! A 20-minute shower is unneeded when in 5 minutes you can do the same job!*

*Turn off the water when brushing your teeth and save four gallons of water a minute.*

*Teach your children to turn the faucet off tightly after each use.*

*Make sure you have aerators on all your faucets.*

*When shopping for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load size adjustments and one that has water and energy efficient features. A little more money spent on the features will add up to major savings over the years and will far outweigh what your upfront costs are.*

*Make sure you know where your master water shutoff is located. This could save gallons of water and damage to your home if you were to have a major water leak. Know how to use the bypass on your water softener to help save water.*

*By changing our habits and educating ourselves and our children, we all can do our part to save our most precious resource... Water. Making sure that it will be here for future generations!*

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