

# Help Protect Lake Michigan

## ...save water and energy

We each use about **65** gallons of water a day. Help reduce the risk of sewer overflows and use less water when there's heavy rain.



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### What can I do at home?

1. Fix leaks. Nationally, 14% of the water we pay for drips down the drain, thanks to leaky plumbing.
2. Cut water use by 1/3 or more by installing low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets.
3. Wait to do laundry until the storm passes. Always wash full loads. Did you know new washing machines use 35-50% less water and 50% less energy?
4. Take a short shower. With a low-flow showerhead, an eight-minute shower uses about 17 gallons of water. A typical bath uses 24 gallons.
5. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or shave and save 5 gallons of water or more every morning.