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## Water Conservation Tips for Industry & Commercial Facilities

### Process

- ❑ Know where your water goes. Conserve and protect water by minimizing waste in wastewater. Do not dispose of hazardous waste down a city sewer system or storm drain.
- ❑ Reuse water. Use reclaimed water from one application in a different process. Uses for reused water include other industrial uses, landscape irrigation, agricultural irrigation, heating or cooling, aesthetic uses such as fountains or fire protection.
- ❑ Recycle water. Reuse water for the same application. The water may require treatment before it can be reused. Many processes can be modified to closed loop recycling systems.
- ❑ Recirculate cooling water. Many industries use water to cool heat-generating equipment or to condense gases. Recycling water with a recirculating cooling system can greatly reduce water use. Many industries report significant savings through water conservation.
- ❑ Choose cleaning methods carefully. When possible avoid using water to clean spills or hose down facility floors, sidewalks or parking lots. Clean oil/grease with clay absorbents; clean spills with a mop or other absorbent material.
- ❑ Monitor your water system for leaks. A leaky hose, faucet, or pipe can divert water from your system and cost your business money.

### Landscaping

- ❑ Plant native, less water intensive grasses and plants outside in any lawn areas to reduce the need for irrigation water. Visit your local garden store to find out how.
- ❑ Water your lawn area at night, when it's cool and evaporation is minimized.
- ❑ Make sure your sprinkler system waters the lawn areas only-not the sidewalk or parking lot.
- ❑ Avoid over fertilizing lawn areas. Only a limited amount of fertilizer can be used by plants. Unused fertilizer runs into our surface and ground waters, elevating nutrients to harmful levels.

### Plumbing

- ❑ Install low-flow toilets, low-flow showerheads, and faucets with aerators.