



## Save Time & Money - Use a Hot Water Recirculating Pump

Are you tired of watching your money go down the drain – literally?

When you turn on the faucet, every drop of water not used is technically wasted. You can minimize that waste by installing a Hot Water Recirculating Pump under the sink farthest from your hot water heater.

One of the biggest water wasters is the shower – or rather – waiting for the water to get hot before getting in the shower. Depending on the distance, it could take nearly five minutes for the hot water to reach your shower. The Recirculating Pump (often activated by a button similar to a door bell) loops the water from the hot water tank, through the hot water pipe, then transfers it to the cold water pipe and forces it back to the hot water tank. An internal thermostat turns it off when the water reaches the temperature you select. You just saved close to 10 gallons of water – Great job! Multiply that savings by the number of people taking showers every day – WOW! Now that is exciting.

There are several models available that you can check out on the internet. Do your research and pick the one that best fits your needs.

City dwellers will notice the savings on their bill – in the reduction of gallons used. Country folk will not be filling up their sewage tanks, thus making them more efficient.

### Other water saving ideas:

- Install faucets and appliances that carry the **EPA WaterSense label** for water saving efficiency ( Did you know– installing low flush toilets can save up to 3.4 gallons per flush!)
- Check out these **FREE water conservation resources** from the Water Bureau.
- Measure your **water footprint** and see what areas of your life have room for improvement.

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