

# April Showers Bring May Savings

"To a **thirsty** man, a drop of water is worth more than a sack of gold."

-Unknown

The top ways to save water AND cash this spring

Water is a scarce resource.

It may be hard to believe in a country where with a turn of the faucet you can have all you want, and at whatever temperature you prefer, but it's true.

With just one percent of the earth's water being drinkable, rising population growth and aging infrastructure, the cost of water is only expected to rise for the foreseeable future. The threat has gotten so real that the government is willing to incentivize water conservation through tax breaks—yes, this is serious stuff.

The EPA estimates that the average homeowner spends more than \$500/year on water and sewage costs. Combine that spending with the tax breaks you're missing out on for not making changes in you consumption and you're easily out a good \$1,000 every year.

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# Conserve to Save

**The top ways to cut down on water use and save money**

We're no tree huggers, but when we can save money and the earth at the same time, we're all for it. We've consulted the experts and collected the top ways to save water this spring and summer.

1. If installing a lawn, choose a mix that needs less water and matches your climate condition. Save yourself water and lawn care hours!
2. Never throw out water. Give your half glass to a pet, give your pets leftovers to a plant - your plants are not germophobes.
3. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to gallons a minute. (Yes, this is for real!)
4. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Even a small drip can waste 20 gallons per day.
5. You can sing elsewhere - Take shorter showers. One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses 20-40 gallons of water.
6. Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator - not under running water!
7. Watch your watering: water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in the evening, and adjust your sprinklers so that they don't water the sidewalk or street. Don't water on rainy or cloudy days.
8. If it's yellow, let it mellow. Hopefully we don't have to explain this one.
9. Don't run the dishwasher unless it's full!
10. Keep an eye on your bill to spot leaks. If your water bill spikes suddenly, there's a good chance that a leak is the culprit. Call in a plumber to check your lines to save water and cash!
11. Utilize a shower bucket. Instead of letting the water pour down the drain, stick a bucket under the faucet while you wait for your shower water to heat up. You can use the water for flushing the toilet or watering your plants.

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12. Turn off the tap while washing your hands. Do you need the water to run while you're scrubbing your hands? Save a few gallons of water and turn the faucet off after you wet your hands until you need to rinse.
13. Fill a jug with tap water and place this in your fridge. This will mean you do not have to leave the cold tap running for the water to run cold before you fill your glass.
14. Install a water butt to your drainpipe and use the water collected to water your plants, clean your car and wash your windows.



# Superior Introductions

We'd like to take some time to introduce you to our team.

My name is Marie Chamberlain and I work in the member services department of Superior. I have been with Superior for a little over nine years in the same department.

I thoroughly love and enjoy what I do and take great pleasure in helping clients reach their goals. Sometimes we have bumps in the road, but my job is to do everything I can to make sure the end goal is met, no matter how we get there. Meeting and working with so many wonderful clients is the reason I come to work every day, and I know that I am only a part of your lives for a very short time, so I try to make it light, but keep you on track.

I was born and raised in England and came to the US (New Jersey) by myself when I

was eighteen. I managed to obtain my green card within about 4 years, and since then I have been employed without any gaps for the last thirty or so years. I do go back to England as much as I can since all of my family (my mum, step-dad and three brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins) are still there.

I am married to Rodney, and have two dogs, Abby and Laci. We are always at (or in) the lake next to my house whenever possible, or in my garden tending to the many vegetables I grow. Life in Colorado is so enjoyable!



# Simple Spring Lemon Bars

The perfect sweet and tart spring dessert

## Ingredients

1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/2 cup butter, softened  
 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

### FILLING:

2 large eggs  
 1 cup sugar

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
 2 tablespoons lemon juice  
 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
 Additional confectioners' sugar

## Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the flour, butter and confectioners' sugar. Pat into an ungreased 8-in. square baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.
2. For filling, in a small bowl, beat eggs. Add the sugar, flour, baking powder, lemon juice and peel; beat until frothy. Pour over the crust. Bake 25 minutes longer or until light golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Cut into bars.



## Laughing Matters

"Arnold Schwarzenegger met Pope Francis at the Vatican today. When the Pope heard it was the guy that said, 'I'll be back,' he said, 'Oh, I was expecting someone else. Sorry.'" –Jimmy Fallon

"This drought is getting really bad. Today at lunch, my waiter asked if I wanted a glass of water or a future for my children." – Conan O'Brien

"\$60,000 was stolen from a Whole Foods in New York last week. Luckily, Whole Foods will make all that money back the next time someone buys an apple." –Jimmy Fallon

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