

## Water Conservation & Plumbing

### Water and plumbing tips

#### Kitchens

- Clean vegetables in a partially filled sink rather than under a running tap.
- Steaming vegetables uses less water than boiling and conserves more vegetable nutrients.
- Keep drinking water in the fridge rather than running cold tap water.
- Check faucets and taps for leaks and drips. Report any leaks to your Site Manager or the Civida Maintenance Department.
- Never pour fats, oil or grease, or any chemicals or cleaning products down the sink.
- Be sure to wash only full loads of laundry in the washing machine.

#### Washrooms

- Take short showers instead of baths.
- If you hear your toilet running – report this to your Site Manager or the Civida Maintenance Department.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Do not flush hot water down the toilet – it may cause the toilet to crack and leak

#### Do not flush these items down your toilet

- Dental floss can get wrapped around the backflow valve in the sanitary sewer pipe, resulting in raw sewage backing up into your home.
- "Flushable" baby wipes, cleaning wipes, disposable diapers, and cotton swabs - these products are not "flushable" and can quickly clog up your pipes.
- Cooking fats, oils, and grease - fats, oils, and grease cannot be broken down by flushing with hot water and soap. They will clog your pipes.
- Other paper or sanitary products – these can clog your pipes.

Only flush toilet paper and human waste down the toilet.

If you flush items down the toilet which causes a clog, you may be responsible for the cost of any service call and repair.

Tenants should purchase a plunger from a hardware store to use as needed.

For more energy and water conservation tips, check out the City of Edmonton's water consumption guide and Epcor's Efficiency and Conservation guide.