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SOME WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Water conservation is a critical problem in many sections of the Nation. Even where there is an abundance of water, the waste and cost of water service may impact the “bottom line.” Consider the following strategies:

- Set the mixing valves so they provide an even and controllable flow of water. Be sure the controls are not reversed so the water initially flows at the hottest temperature with further adjustment necessary to provide a moderate temperature. If necessary, bring in professionals to re-calibrate all systems. In addition to water include heating, air-conditioning, flow meters and all the many other calibrated equipment on premise. It can save many dollars.
- Are stoppers in the wash basin functioning; or is it necessary to continue to run the water to avoid draining the basin, even with the stopper in closed position?
- Check for water leaking at the base of the faucet unit or dripping from a faucet due to need for new washers. Much of that water may be heated and that becomes a matter of energy conservation, as well.
- Check the flushometers and other flush controls on a regular schedule. If it becomes necessary for multiple flushing to clear the toilet bowl, there is a tremendous waste of water.
- Re-circulate final rinse water in both dish and laundry units to serve in the initial wash cycle
- Leaking pipes are not only a problem in water conservation but also can become a serious problem for the building structure. Any dampened areas of wall, floor or ceiling should be immediately investigated. Don't wait until a bulge breaks through with serious water damage and potential injury for a guest. While not from a pipe but from a leaky roof, a guest was killed when a ceiling and captured water collapsed onto the bed.
- Channel splashed-out pool water for landscaped areas.
- Lower pool water to reduce amount of water splashed out. If you do this, be sure to correct the depth markers in both feet and meters as depth frequently is a matter in litigation.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation when the pool is not in use. Reduce amount of water to clean pool filters.

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