

SHOWER TIMER

The average 15-minute shower can use as much as 25 gallons of water. One of the best ways to save money and avoid wasting water is to limit the amount of water used when showering.

ADVANTAGES

- A simple timer can set the length of a shower to a certain number of minutes.
- A more sophisticated mechanical or electrical timer, you can actually lower the water flow or shut it off completely once the shower has reached its time limit.

HOW TO

Option 1:

To simply remind your family that five or ten minutes in the shower is plenty, install one of the inexpensive (\$5-\$10) timers built to be used in the high humidity areas of a shower stall. They can be attached to the shower wall with suction cups or adhesive strips.

Some provide a digital readout of the time and signal you with an alarm. Others are little more than small hourglasses (like egg timers) adapted to installation on the shower wall.

Option 2:



A mechanical shower timer installed on the shower arm

Install a mechanical shower timer. This is a device that you attach to your shower arm. The shower head is then attached to the timer. Installation is relatively straightforward and can be done with wrenches and/or pliers. (If you can install a shower head, you can install this kind of timer.)

The best known of these devices costs more than \$100 and is adjustable for five-, eight-, and 11-minute showers. This is not a reminder device, but actually controls the flow of water. It doesn't shut the water off completely, however. It slows it to two-thirds of the flow so people can finish rinsing their hair, etc.

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