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## Conservation Tips for Thanksgiving

Madison - Wisconsin residents can save water and energy this Thanksgiving by following a few simple conservation tips offered by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

"Preparing for large holiday meals uses more energy and water than many families use on an ordinary day. Just as we use coupons to bring down the grocery bill when we're shopping for cranberries and stuffing, families looking to cut down on costs can use conservation strategies on Thanksgiving to bring down the utility bill," said Chairperson Montgomery.

### Simple Thanksgiving Energy-Saving Tips

- Cover pans to reduce heat loss while cooking on the stove.
- Match the pan size to the burner size. When using an electric cooktop, a 6" pan on an 8" burner wastes more than 40% of the heat.
- Just before food is completely cooked, turn off the oven or burner. There is enough heat in the pan or pot to finish the cooking.
- Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator before cooking to reduce time the stove or oven is turned on.

### Simple Thanksgiving Water-Saving Tips

- Avoid running the tap continuously while preparing food or washing dishes, as that practice can use more than two gallons of water every minute the tap is running.
- Scrape dirty dishes clean instead of using water to rinse them before you put them in the dishwasher. This simple practice could save 10 gallons of water for one meal.

According to [WaterSense](#), if every American household reduced their water use by 10 gallons on Thanksgiving Day, it would save more than 1 billion gallons of water, as well as saving the energy and chemicals used to pump and treat the water.

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