

Summer and water go hand in hand. Think about it: when was the last time you had a summer that didn't involve the lake, ocean, or pool? Unfortunately, summer can often mean increased plumbing bills. Estimates vary, but most say that water usage increased between 25%-50% during summer, and it's easy to see why. Extra water for cold showers, cleaning off after the beach or for drinking when the sun is sweltering are just the beginning. Here are a few ways to save money on summer plumbing bills, so you can enjoy the weather and your utility bill balance.

Install E-friendly fixtures

Think about every time the hot weather sends us running for the indoors, excited to jump into the shower or get a cold drink. Now imagine every time you used a faucet or shower that the fixture was designed to control the flow of water and help the environment. This translates to water savings. You might not realize the benefits immediately, but over time, these fixtures could save you \$100 a year or more depending on your usage. Plus it's great for the environment, too! This is a great tip for saving money on summer plumbing bills, and plumbing bills in general.

Mind your drains

One of the best things about summer is the cookouts with family and friends. Everyone coming over, gathering around the grill and having a great time in the sun is the quintessential image of summertime fun – but they also lead to an increase in calls from people complaining about clogged drains. All of the leftover food gets tossed into drains by well-intentioned guests trying to make life easier on their hosts. That stuff clogs drains and makes for a big headache. Make sure plates are thoroughly scraped into the garbage, and all grease disposed of properly.

Water your lawn at the right time

Do you know that brown, barely-hanging-on grass that your neighbour calls a lawn? Don't let that happen to you. Watering your grass will keep it worthy of being called a lawn, but you've got to do it at the right time. Experts say the best time is the early morning or late in the evening once the sun has set. People who do so in the afternoon and peak sun times are probably wasting water. The sun is so hot at these hours that it causes a lot of the water to evaporate before it even reaches the roots.

Summer is in full swing here in Pennsylvania, but that doesn't mean you have to fall victim to the normal summertime plumbing woes. Use these tips on how to save money on your summer plumbing, and you'll be happy you did. Need any more plumbing help? Call [Downington's trusted plumbing experts](#) today.