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- Check your garden hose regularly for leaks. Store it on a reel to prevent kinking and damage.
- Use a trigger nozzle on your hose to reduce water loss. Repair or replace the nozzle if it leaks. It should shut off *completely* when you let go of the trigger.

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Quick Tips

- If you water the garden, do it in the evening or in the early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Use a broom instead of the hose to clean paths and driveways.
- Use a bucket to wash the car. Rinse with the hose before and after.
- Check taps, pipes, and connections regularly for possible leaks.

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Use a broom to sweep sidewalks and paved areas. Using a hose for this can waste as much as 1,000 litres of water per hour. Add what you sweep up to a compost heap.

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Did you know? ...

A swimming pool cover can cut evaporation by as much as 90%, reducing the need for top-ups in the dry summer season.

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To check for swimming pool leaks ... Use a pencil to mark the water level at the skimmer. Check the mark 24 hours later to see if it's gone down.

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When washing the car, use a bucket. Limit use of your hose to a quick spray at the start to loosen dirt and grime and when you're done to rinse off soapy water. If you can, wash the car on a lawn to soak up the run-off water.

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