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.

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.

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

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.

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.