

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO SAVE WATER. AND THEY ALL START WITH YOU! START FROM YOUR OWN HOME... LETS SEE HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAVE ON YOURSELF?

KITCHEN AREA

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks, so that every drop goes down you not the drain.
- Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing utensils and reuse it to water houseplants.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day to reduce the number of time you need to wash glasses.
- Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- When washing dishes by hand, use the least amount of detergent possible to minimize rinse water needed.
- Select the proper size pans and cook food in as little water as possible. Large pans require more water than may be necessary. Cooking in less water also retains more of the nutrients.



GARDEN AREA

- We're more likely to notice leaky taps indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor taps, pipes, and hoses for leaks.
- Avoid planting grass in areas that are hard to water such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to create healthier and



Till taught by pain, men rarely know not what good water is worth.

stronger landscapes. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering. Only water plants when necessary.

- Do not cut the lawn too short, longer grass provides shade for roots and retains water better.
- Use the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
- Direct downspours and other rainwater runoff into buckets for later use in your garden.
- Check sprinkler systems frequently and adjust, so only the lawn is watered; not the house, sidewalk or street. Also remember to check valves for leaks and keep the heads in good shape.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together to get the most out of your watering time.
- Remember to weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light, and water.
- Only use organic inputs in your garden, chemical often make gardens more water intensive.
- Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color.
- Use a screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If it goes in easily, don't water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.
- Wash your car on the grass. This will water your lawn at the same time.
- Leave lower branches on trees and shrubs and allow leaf litter to accumulate on top of the soil. This keeps the soil cooler and reduces evaporation.
- Start a compost pile. Using compost when you plant adds water-holding organic matter to the soil.
- Use sprinklers that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops of water and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.
- Freshen your lawn. Punch holes in your lawn about six inches apart so water will reach the roots rather than run off the surface.
- Instead of watering your lawn everyday, water the lawn only when it needs it or just give it a good soak once a week. If the grass springs back when you step on it, there's no need to water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.

Thousands have lived without love, not one without water.

- Use pebbles and stones to cover exposed soil around plants to prevent evaporation and water loss.
- For watering your lawn, attach the pipe for watering the garden with the water pipe which exits water of rinsing your utensils.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.

BATHROOM

- Whenever possible take a shower rather than use the bath tub.
- Bathe your young children together.
- Turn the water off while you shampoo and condition your hair.
- Bathe your pets outdoors in an area in need of water.
- Put food coloring or a dye tablet in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
- To save water and time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower.
- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.
- Try to shorten your showers. Even a two-minute reduction can save masses of water.
- Whenever possible take a bucket wash rather than a shower.
- Displace water in the toilet tank so you use less with each flush. You can do this with a plastic bottle filled with pebbles. (saves 5 gal./day)
- Rinse your razor with short blasts of water or by swishing it in a partially-filled sink instead of running the water while you shave.
- Install low-volume toilets.
- Install a low-flow showerhead; they are inexpensive and easy to install.



If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.

- Time showers to keep them under 4 minutes and turn off the water while shampooing your hair.
- Turn off the water while shaving and brushing your teeth.
- Wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- Choose new water-saving appliances, such as washing machines that save water. They are more water and energy-efficient than older appliances.

MISCELLANEOUS

- When you clean your fish tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free and effective fertilizer.
- Make sure to turn the taps off tightly after each use.
- Avoid installing ornamental water features and fountains that spray water into the air. Trickling or cascading fountains lose less water to evaporation.
- Encourage your school system and local government to help develop and promote a water conservation ethic among children and adults.
- When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.
- While staying in a hotel or even at home, consider reusing your towels.
- Fix leaking taps and plumbing joints.
- Teach your family to turn taps off tightly after each use.
- Listen for dripping taps and toilets that flush themselves. Grab a wrench and fix that leaky tap, it's simple and inexpensive.
- Use a bucket and automatic shut-off nozzle while washing cars.
- Check outdoor taps, pipes and hoses for leaks.
- Report water losses from broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to your dad or any other elder member of the family so that the person may get it fixed or report it to the concerned person as soon as possible.

The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives.



*Do one thing each day that will save water.
Even if the savings are small, 'every drop counts'*

*Encourage your friends and neighbors to be part of
a water-conscious community.*

**You can use the table below to add an activity for each day
of the week that you will practice to save water**

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	



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