



*Water-Saving
Tips that
Even Kids
Can Use!*



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Indoor Water Conservation Tips for Kids!



From the time you get up until that last little drink of water at night, you use water all day long. But no matter how old you are, there are still a number of things you can do to reduce the

amount of water you didn't even know you were wasting!

First thing in the morning ...

1. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's up to 200 gallons a week for a family of 4.
2. Take 5-minute showers instead of baths. A full bathtub requires up to 70 gallons of water.
3. When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills.

4. Drop tissues in the trash instead of flushing them and save water every time. Each time you use your toilet as a trashcan you waste 1.5 to 7 gallons of water.

Helping around the house ...

5. Let your dishwasher do the work. The average dishwasher uses about 10 gallons of water or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes. So, let your dishwasher do the work!

6. Wash only full loads. The dishwasher uses the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.

7. Scrape your plates and dishes into the trash instead of pre-rinsing. Save yourself up to 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing them. ENERGYSTAR qualified dishwashers and today's detergents are designed to do the cleaning so you don't have to.



8. Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean. You'll save about 2 gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.

As the day passes ...

9. Using one glass all day long will mean fewer dishes to do especially if everyone joins in!

10. Want ice-cold water with your meal? Chill a pitcher of water ahead of time rather than letting your faucet run until the water is cool. You will save about 2 gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.

For more information ...

About saving water and ideas that you can share with the rest of the family, including your parents, check out the following websites —

Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District — prairielandsgcd.org

WaterUseItWisely.com

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality — TakeCareofTexas.org

Texas A & M University — water.tamu.edu/home-water-conservation-tips/

US Environmental Protection Agency — epa.gov/watersense/

Saving Water Outdoors

Did you know that kids can even help save water outdoors?

When summer rolls around and you want to cool off, so does your yard! Play in the sprinkler but do it where the plants in your yard need watering as well. Ask an adult where the best place is first!

Also, wash your bike using a bucket of water with suds. Park on the grass and let the grass get a drink while you scrub and rinse.

After the lawn gets mowed, use a broom to sweep grass clippings off the driveway and sidewalks and back in the yard rather than using a hose.



Watery Words Puzzle

If you like puzzles, then make this watery words search your next challenge! Can you find the range of words related to one of the most important resources on Earth?

Circle the words you find!

T Q R D I S H E S T T S O A K
F T E D I S H W A S H E R H O
H P D S C O G T L D R I N K G
Y M U N O I T A V R E S N O C
J G C B M G L T W S G L A S S
L O E F T H E L J H H B U T P
S B A T H C B M S C V O B C P
S P M N U Z W M O O R B W T F
N P R A F R T E L I O T V E P
O W F I T O O T H B R U S H R
L A L I N Z A E B U C K E T K
L S L M H K E P A R C S R Y Q
A T X P Y V L I L G R A S S D
G E P I T C H E R N W A L B P
J P Z W A T E R R W D H O S E

BATH
CONSERVATION
DRINK
GLASS
LAWN
SCRAPE
SPRINKLER
TUB

BROOM
DISHES
FAUCET
GRASS
PITCHER
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HOSE
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