

Things You Can Do To Conserve Water

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- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.
- Limit your shower to less than 10 minutes or your bath water to less than 6 inches (15 cm) deep.
- Never litter or dump anything, such as paint, pesticides, or motor oil, into storm drains or sewers. This pollution can flow into streams, rivers, bays and eventually the ocean and pollute water or kill aquatic animals and plants.
- Encourage your school to adopt a water conservation program.
- Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water cools down. Running the faucet wastes 3 to 7 gallons (11 to 26 liters) of water per minute.
- Recycle your wading pool water by using it to water your garden.
- Collect rainwater to water indoor plants or your garden.
- Organize a cleanup day at a river or beach in your area.
- Don't use the sprinklers just to cool off or for play. Running through water from a hose or sprinkler is fun, but wastes gallons of water.
- Be conscious of the clothes you put in the laundry. Are they actually dirty and do they need washing?
- Tell your friends and neighbors and ask your parents to help out. Set a good example and see how many ways you can think of to help planet Earth.

