

**WATER  
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Find the these words in the puzzle!

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| ANACORTES    | RIVER    |
| CONSERVATION | SAVE     |
| DROUGHT      | SHOWER   |
| FISH         | SUNSHINE |
| FLOWERS      | WATER    |
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Tips**

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# Water-Saving Tips

## 15 Fun and Simple Ways to Save Water

### 1. **Short showers keep you fresh for hours!**

Did you know that taking a shower uses 5 gallons of water each minute? A 10-minute shower uses 50 gallons of water! Cut your shower in half and you can save gallons of water!

### 2. **Splish-splash, but don't fill up the bath!**

Baths filled to the brim use between 40 and 60 gallons of water. Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first and filling the tub only one-third full. Remember, plug the tub before turning on the water. The initial burst of cold water can be warmed by adding hot water later.

### 3. **When you brush your teeth or wash your face, use only the water you need—don't waste!**

By turning the water off and not letting it run when brushing or washing, you can save 10 gallons a day!



- 4. Why rush the flush?** Some toilets use as many as 6 gallons per flush. Tissues, insects and the like belong in the trash, not the toilet.
- 5. Another tip: fix a drip.** If you notice a leaky faucet or toilet, tell your folks about it. A dripping faucet can waste more water in a single day than one person needs for drinking in an entire week!
- 6. Saving water doing dishes leaves some water for the fishes!** When washing dishes by hand, don't keep the water running. A basin of wash water and one of rinse water will do the job just as well.
- 7. To save the most, compost!** Kitchen sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing food waste instead of using a garbage disposal.
- 8. Take a load off your mind!** Run only full loads in the washing machine or dishwasher. Washing machines use an average of 55 gallons a load and dishwashers about 15 gallons a load. The fewer loads you run, the more water you save. Running the machines when they're full will save you time, energy, and water!
- 9. Watering rarely is watering fairly!** In the absence of rainfall, lawns need watering once every 3 to 5 days during summer and every 7 to 14 days during winter. Good soakings are better for your lawn than frequent short sprinklings.
- 10. When it's hotter, you'll lose more water.** Water the lawn only early in the morning or after the sun sets when water will not be wasted through evaporation in the hot sun. When watering, avoid using a fine spray because much of the water will be lost in the wind or to evaporation.

- 11. If the grass isn't tall, why mow at all?** The taller the grass is, the less water it needs. When mowing, raise the mower blade to its highest level. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, creates shade that cools the roots and holds soil moisture better than a closely trimmed lawn.
- 12. Wash the car with elbow grease, and wastewater will decrease!** When washing the car, use a bucket, rag and a hose with a shut-off nozzle. Washing your car by spraying it clean can use as much as 100 gallons! You can get your car just as clean and cut water use to 15 gallons if you use the hose only to wet down and rinse it off, doing the rest of the washing by hand.
- 13. Wash the car in the shade, and water lost will now be saved!** Washing your car in the shade will keep the water you use from evaporating as quickly. Use biodegradable soap (soap that doesn't harm the environment), and wash the car so that the extra water flows onto a lawn or plant bed instead of the sidewalk or driveway.
- 14. Rather than play with a water toy, find something else to enjoy!** Avoid playing with outdoor water toys that require a constant stream of water to work. These toys can use between 150 and 300 gallons every half hour. Find other fun outdoor activities that don't require you to leave the water running.
- 15. Go with the low flow!** You can save even more water in the shower by replacing a standard showerhead with a low-flow version. A new showerhead can save your family almost 30 gallons a day!