



WATER CONSERVATION

Water is one of our planet's most precious resources!



Water Facts:

- 75% of the earth is covered by water
 - 97 % is salt water
 - 2% is frozen and cannot be used
 - Barely 1% of the water available is suitable for drinking
- Approx. 60-65% of the annual rainfall in South Florida occurs from June - September, yet three-fourths of it is lost to evaporation.
- Estimated daily water usage in this region: approx. 111 gallons per person

Taking simple steps to reduce your families daily water usage can add up to a significant amount of water conserved!



Water Conservation Tips: **Reduce/Reuse/Remember**

1. Be aware of and follow water restrictions in your area.
2. Check for leaks regularly and fix immediately.
3. Install low-flow fixtures in bathrooms and kitchens.
4. Flush less - the toilet is not a wastebasket or ashtray.
5. Turn off the water faucet while brushing teeth, shaving or soaping up.
6. Take shorter showers - less than 5 minutes.
7. Only run the washing machine or dishwasher when full.
8. Repurpose clean water for tasks such as watering plants.
9. Thaw frozen food in the fridge or microwave instead of under running water.
10. Scrape, don't rinse, dishes before loading into dishwasher.
11. Install instant water heaters and insulation on water pipes so that less is wasted while waiting for water to heat up.

Following these and other tips not only saves water but money!

Check out: www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/index.php

Reference:

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/everydropcounts/>