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## How to Conserve Drinking Water

Help save your drinking water sources by remembering to do the following:

- Turn water off while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Turn off faucets completely.
- Take a short shower instead of a bath.
- Use faucets and shower heads that restrict water flow.
- Place a one gallon plastic container full of water in the toilet tank. It will displace and therefore save up to a gallon of water.
- Wash full loads when washing clothes.
- Adjust the water level control on the washing machine appropriately.
- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking. You will not have to run faucet water until it gets cold.
- Use garbage disposal once instead of several times.
- Wash full loads in the dishwasher.
- Use small pans of water to wash vegetables rather than running water over them continuously.
- Clean driveway and sidewalks with a broom and not a water hose.
- Do not fertilize the lawn in the summer.
- Park the car in the grass while washing it, therefore watering the lawn at the same time.
- Water lawn and garden in early morning or at night.
- Use drip irrigation.
- Pull weeds that compete with plants for water.
- Check all pipes and faucets for leaks.



***"Protect Your Water One Drop At A Time"***

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