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WATER SAVERS CLUB
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Parent/Student Water Conservation Checklist

- Are family members ( ) Yes taking shorter ( ) No showers? (5 minutes or less)

  Taking shorter showers can help you save up to 3 gallons of water for each minute of shower time reduced. Consider installing a new low-flow shower head which uses 2.5 gallons per minute.

- Is water running while ( ) Yes shaving or brushing ( ) No your teeth or rinsing dishes?

  Ponding water (keeping it in the sink with a stopper) is a smart way to conserve water. Running the water while shaving or brushing your teeth can use 10-20 gallons of water.

- Is the landscape ( ) Yes watered only when the ( ) No plants really need water?

  Make sure you are not watering too often for too long a time. If water is running off you are watering too long.

- Do you use a kitchen ( ) Yes timer if you do not ( ) No have a timed irrigation system?

  Set a kitchen timer when you water your shrubbery. Water in the early morning, or late evening. The water will not evaporate as fast when it is cooler.

- Have all toilets been ( ) Yes checked for leaks and ( ) No worn out or bent parts?

  Drop a few drops of food coloring into the water in the tank, not the bowl. Wait at least 10 minutes, if colored water seeps into the toilet bowl you have a leak. Flush as soon as possible after the test is done (food coloring may stain the tank).

- Is the toilet being ( ) Yes used as a waste- ( ) No basket?

  Extra toilet flushes can waste as much as 5 plus gallons each extra flush.
**SUGGESTIONS**

Are washing machines and dishwashers used only with full loads?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Wait until loads are full. This saves water and energy. A front loading washing machine uses less water than top-loaders. Front-loaders may be more expensive to purchase but will save on water and energy in the long run. Fill your dishwasher—a dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or just partially full.

Do you know the location of your water shut-off valve?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

The shut-off valve is usually found on the same line as the pressure regulator.

Do you know the location of your water pressure regulator?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

If your water pressure fluctuates, check the pressure regulator, it may need to be replaced. To increase pressure turn screw to the RIGHT, to decrease pressure turn screw to the LEFT.

Are your walkways and driveways hosed off for cleaning?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Use a broom instead of water to remove debris from driveways and walkways.

Do your hoses have shut-off nozzles to control the flow of water?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Outfit your hoses with a shut-off nozzle which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed.

Do you have washers between spigots and water hoses to eliminate leaks?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Washers between spigots and hoses and hoses and shut-off nozzles help stop leaks.

Do you leave your hose running unattended?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Leaving hoses or sprinklers unattended can use up to 600 gallons of water in only a few hours.

Do you have drought resistant plants?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Use desert plants in your landscaping—you will still have beautiful color and foliage but won’t need all that water.

Do you have water thirsty plants grouped together, away from the un-thirsty plants?  

( ) Yes  ( ) No  

Group thirsty plants together so that you can water them all at the same time and not waste the water in areas that don’t take as much water.

I have reviewed the water saving tips mentioned above with my son/daughter.

Parent’s Signature: __________________________

If you have any questions please call our Water Conservation Office at 453-6660