

Water Facts and Conservation Tips

Did You Know?

- ☑ There is about the same amount of water on Earth now as there was millions of years ago.
- ☑ Nearly 97 percent of all the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2 percent is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves 1 percent for all our needs.
- ☑ Water regulates the Earth's temperature. It also helps regulate the temperature of the human body!
- ☑ The average total home water use for each person in the U.S. is about 50 gallons a day.
- ☑ More water is used in the bathroom than any other place in the home.
- ☑ A dripping faucet can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water a year.

You Can Help Conserve Our Water Resources

At school and at home, you can help protect our water resources.

- ☑ Turn off the tap in your bathroom while you brush your teeth.
- ☑ Take shorter showers. (Get a timer and time yourself.)
- ☑ Don't let the water run constantly while you're washing or rinsing dishes.
- ☑ Fill a pitcher with tap water and put it in the fridge, rather than running the tap every time you want a cold drink!
- ☑ Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom--not the water hose!
- ☑ Water your lawn in the early morning to avoid evaporation.
- ☑ Repair dripping faucets.
- ☑ Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants to retain water.

