

RiverSmart Tips



1. Repair leaky faucets and toilets right away.

Leaky sinks and toilets can waste 50 gallons of water in one day, depleting our rivers. For a leaky faucet, look for a faulty o-ring or valve seat. Toilet leaks aren't always so obvious. Try pouring colored liquid into the tank. If after 15 minutes you see dye in the bowl, you may need to replace the flapper.



2. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and washing the dishes.

You can save 3-5 gallons each time you brush your teeth. Try using a cup when brushing and shaving. And fill up the sink first when washing vegetables or doing a load of dishes. It's a small change that will make a big difference.

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wa•ter•shed (-shed')*n.* 1. a ridge or stretch of high land dividing the areas drained by different rivers or river systems 2. the area drained by a river or river system 3. a crucial turning point affecting action, opinion, etc.

The things we do around our homes every day make a big difference on the quality of our rivers – because we all live in a watershed. Check these RiverSmart tips for ideas on how to protect our rivers and drinking water.

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3. Run the washing machine and dishwasher only when they are fully loaded.

You can save between 300-800 gallons of water each month.



4. Dispose of household cleaners, paint and other chemicals safely.

Many cleaning products found in our homes and garages are too dangerous to be disposed of in the trash or down the drain. Read the label: anything marked "Poison" or "Danger" should be taken to your local hazardous waste center. Use water-based paints and dry off excess paint with a paper towel before rinsing your paintbrush.



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