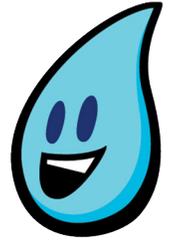


My Pledge to Conserve Water

Now that you know more about water conservation, sit down with your family and share what you have learned!

Look at the tips below for ideas on how to use water more efficiently, and check each one that you are willing to pledge to do. Thank you for helping to conserve water, and good luck!



INDOORS

- Take **shorter showers**/use less water in the bathtub.
- Don't leave the sink running while you **brush your teeth**.
- Make sure the dishwasher and clothes washer are **fully loaded** before running them.
- If you are **washing dishes by hand**, don't let the water run.
- Install water efficient **faucet aerators and showerheads**.
- Check all water fixtures for leaks, and **fix or replace those that are leaky**.
- Perform a dye test to see if your **toilets are leaking**.
To check if a toilet is leaking, remove the cover from the tank and add a couple drops of food coloring. Wait 5 minutes (without using the toilet). If any of the dye has entered the bowl in that time, your toilet is leaking.

OUTDOORS

- Don't over-water your lawn!** One inch of water per week from rain/irrigation is enough to keep a lawn green. To test if your lawn needs water, just walk on it, and if the grass doesn't spring back, it's time to water.
- If you must irrigate, plan to water just **one day a week and obey town water restrictions**.
- If you have a swimming pool, **use a cover** to cut the loss of water by evaporation by **90%**.
- Place **rain barrels** underneath your downspouts. The rainwater can be used for plants and trees, or to wash a car.
- Mulch around plants** to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- Use a broom** instead of a hose to clean your driveway, sidewalks, and decks.

For more water saving tips go to: www.epa.gov/WaterSense • www.neponset.org

Bring your signed pledge back to class and share your commitments!

By signing our names below, we pledge to use water more efficiently.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Family Members: _____