

Water Conservation and Protection Checklist

Everyone can help to protect water and there are many things that you can do starting today.

Look at this list with your family and check off all of the actions that you and your family plan to take!



- Turn the faucet OFF when brushing your teeth, scrubbing hands, and washing dishes.
- Take shorter showers. You can do it!
- If taking a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills.
- Don't use the toilet as a trashcan.
- Make sure dishwashers and clothes washers are fully loaded before using them.
- Fix leaky faucets and toilets. It adds up!
- Upgrade appliances with water efficient toilets, showerheads, faucets and clothes washers.
- Check with your city or town for toilet or clothes washer rebates.
- Landscape with drought tolerant, native plants and grass, and reduce irrigation.
- Never water your lawn or play in a sprinkler during a drought.
- Always follow the outdoor water restrictions issued by your city or town.
- Never put anything down a storm drain.
- ALWAYS pick up after your pet and throw it into a trash can. Poop is full of bacteria and fertilizer, and is a big source of water pollution.
- Use lawn fertilizers sparingly, if at all. Keep it off pavement and never use more than the directions call for.
- Wash your car where the soap will run off into the grass, rather than into the storm drain.
- Don't pile grass clippings, leaves or yard waste near pavement, storm drains or wetlands. Phosphorus in yard waste creates water issues.
- Redirect downspouts and sprinklers toward grass/shrubs/gardens so that water doesn't run onto pavement and into a storm drain.
- Never discharge pool water directly into a storm drain. Allow two weeks for chlorine to evaporate, then drain it into the lawn.
- Choose permeable pavers or crushed stone for patios, walkways and driveways, so rain soaks into the ground instead of running off.
- Never pour medication or hazardous chemicals down the sink or toilet. *Medicine should be disposed of at your Police Dept. or thrown in your trash. Chemicals can go to your Public Works Dept. (Call in advance.)*
- Use ice melt sparingly and choose a product that is non-toxic to pets, plants and wildlife.
- Reduce toxic chemical use. Try organic house cleaning and lawn care products.