



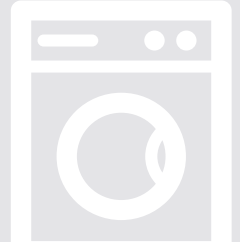
Take Action: Save Water, Save Our Planet

Water and climate change are inextricably linked. Climate change is contributing to water shortages and impacting water quality. We need a better path, and how we use water can make a difference.

Read on for ways to take action and save our water supplies. Choose one thing today.

In the laundry room:

- Save up the dirty clothes. Washing a full load of clothes uses less water and energy.
- Install an energy-efficient washer.
- Did you know 90% of the energy used by the washing machine during laundry goes toward heating water? Wash clothes in [cold water](#) and decrease your carbon footprint.



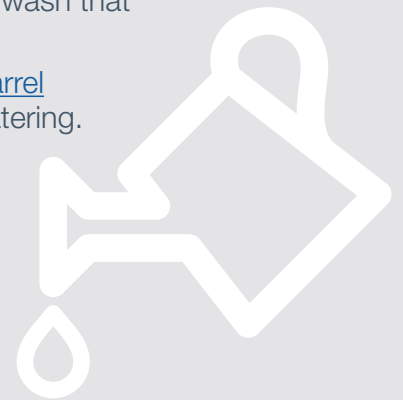
In the bathroom:

- Turn off the water when brushing teeth. This simple act can save 8 gallons of water a day and more than 2,900 gallons per year, assuming you brush twice daily.
- Install a low-flush toilet and low-flow showerhead.
- Take a five-minute shower.
- Fix leaky faucets.



Outside your home:

- Water the lawn in the evening or early morning.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Use a local carwash that recycles water.
- Install a [rain barrel](#) for outdoor watering.



In the kitchen:

- Run the dishwasher only when full.
- Turn off the water between rinsing dishes.
- Choose a plant-based meal.
- Don't throw away edible food – reduce food waste. Get handy advice from [Love Food Hate Waste](#).



Facts on Water Usage

Did you know that ...

- Less than 3% of the Earth's water supply is freshwater?
- 2.2 billion people are living without access to safe water, and by 2050, almost half of the world's population may live in areas of high water stress?
- About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's worth of food for a family of four?
- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year?

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