



You Can Help Conserve and Protect Groundwater

Groundwater is the hidden treasure under our feet. While groundwater is invisible, we can see its impact everywhere. Much of the freshwater we use for drinking, sanitation, food production and industrial processes comes from groundwater. It's also an essential part of ecosystems, as it feeds springs, rivers, lakes and wetlands.

Over-use, pollution and climate change all place strain on this incredibly vital resource. That's why we must do our part to make sure everyone has access to clean, safe drinking water while balancing the needs of our planet. Together, we can protect this valuable treasure!

Here are eight simple ways to conserve groundwater at home:



RINSE AND RUN
Take short showers (five minutes or less).

SHUT IT DOWN
Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth and washing your hands.



KEEP IT COOL
Instead of running water until it gets cold, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator.



GO NATURAL
Use natural or non-toxic cleaners where possible. Make your own or look for greener cleaning products.



DON'T DUMP
Properly dispose of household hazardous materials, including medications, motor oil, cleaning products, paint products, pesticides and fertilizers. Check with your local health department for waste disposal sites and programs.



SOAK IT UP
If any hazardous materials leak or spill on your driveway or other hard surfaces, use kitty litter to absorb the spill. Do not wash down the area.



GET INVOLVED
Get educated about groundwater, and support or volunteer for local organizations that support wetlands conservation and management.



GO NATIVE
Incorporate native plants and grasses in your landscape. They require less water, pesticides and fertilizer. They also can help prevent water run-off and pollution from mowers.

