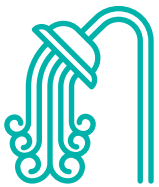




# You Can Be a Water Steward

Fresh, clean water is a limited resource, yet the demand for water continues to increase. Whether at home or work, in our communities or businesses, everyone can take action to conserve and protect water. **Here are some ways you can contribute:**



## Take Shorter Showers

The average eight-minute shower uses more than **16 gallons of water**. Install a low-flow showerhead and try limiting showers to three minutes or less.



## Lose the Leaks

A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip a minute can waste more than **3,000 gallons** a year. Fix leaks and install low-flow faucets to save water and reduce water bills.

## Fill It Up

Standard top-loading washing machines use **30-35 gallons** a load. Only run your washer with full loads and consider investing in a high-efficiency washer.



## Soak Up the Rain

The average roof collects **600 gallons** for every inch of rain. Installing a rain barrel at your workplace, school or home can help reduce stormwater runoff, and the rainwater can be used to water plants or wash the car.



## Eat Your Vegetables

**Research** shows that switching to a more plant-based diet can cut your water footprint in half.



Introduce more plant-based foods into your diet to lower your environmental impact.

## Create a Less-Thirsty Yard

More than **half of outdoor water** use is for watering lawns and gardens. Choose native or drought-tolerant plants that can thrive with minimal help from fertilizers and pesticides.



## Dip into Volunteer Water Monitoring

Learn about the water resources in your community, and train as a **volunteer water monitor**. Help build local stewardship of the waterways near you.



## Plant Trees

Trees and forests help **reduce stormwater runoff**. Volunteer your time in a local tree-planting effort.

## Ask for an Audit

Conduct a third-party water audit for your business to track water usage and improve operational efficiency.

