

## SAVE WATER INDOORS

### Doing Dishes

When you wash dishes by hand, use wash and rinse basins rather than running water. Soak pots and pans before washing. Use minimal detergent so you don't have to rinse as much. If you use a dishwasher, do only full loads and avoid extra cycles.

### Preparing Food

Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator, and wash foods in a basin of water, rather than using running water.

### Washing Up

Try a faucet aerator on your sink to reduce water use while maintaining flow. Take shallow baths. Keep showers short and use a low-flow showerhead. A flow restrictor lets you maintain the faucet setting and shut off water at the shower head while soaping or shampooing.

### The Toilet

Flush only when necessary. If your toilet is not a low-flow model, you can install a water-saving displacement device in the tank to reduce the amount of water needed to flush.

### Washing Clothes

Match your washer's water level to your load size. Repair any leaks from faucets, hose connections, or pipes.

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### Driveways, Sidewalks and Walkways

Instead of the hose, use a broom or leaf blower to remove dead leaves and other debris.

### Hoses

Repair all leaks and install a water-saving shutoff nozzle that can be adjusted to fit the task at hand.



### Lawns and Gardens

Water during the morning or evening to avoid excess evaporation. Use mulch around shrubs to save moisture. Use drought-tolerant and native plants.

### The Pool

Watch the water level to avoid unnecessary spillage and use a cover to prevent excess evaporation.

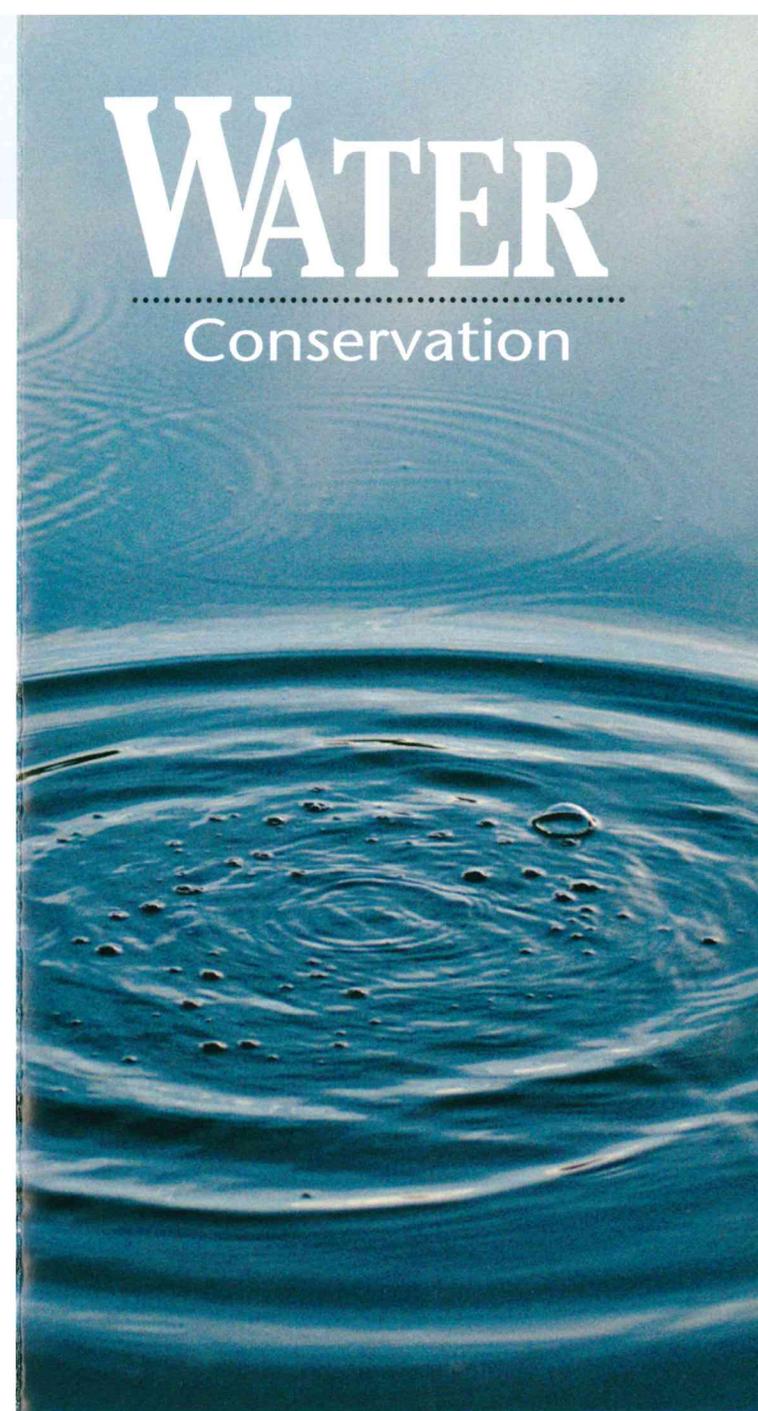
### The Car

Don't let the water run while washing your car. A shutoff nozzle on your hose will help.

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## Conservation



# WHY CONSERVATION?

**W**ith population and industry growth comes a greater thirst for water. Water is a limited resource that can quickly become scarce if we do not take measures to conserve and protect it.

## Keeping Water Plentiful

Although we are surrounded by water, most is not drinkable. In fact, only 3% of the world's water is fresh water and of this, 2/3 is stored in icecaps and glaciers. That leaves only 1% of the world's water available for drinking.

## Keeping Water Clean

Conserving water is only half the battle. To ensure that our water needs will always be met, we must protect our water supplies against the constant threat of pollution.

## Everyone's Responsibility

Working to protect our precious water supplies is critical. Read on in this brochure to learn more about water and what can be done to protect and conserve it.

### WE USE WATER EVERY DAY

- To grow our food.
- To provide power.
- To control fire.
- To heat and cool our homes and places of work.
- To keep us clean.
- To keep us alive.

## Save Money

By conserving, you can save on your water and utility bills, sewer and septic costs.

## Save Energy

You'll save energy by reducing the amount of hot water you use and by saving electricity used to pump water.

## Save the Environment

Conserving water helps ease the burden on conveyance, treatment, storage and distribution facilities.

## Energy Saving Tip

If your water heater is not insulated, an insulation blanket can help you save energy and money. Always follow installation instructions carefully!



## 4 EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE—

1. Watch how much water you use when doing dishes, brushing teeth, showering and washing your car. Follow the easy tips in this brochure to use less.
2. Fix leaks. A faucet that drips can waste up to 3,280 gallons of water per year. Most leaks are easy to repair.
3. Reuse water when you can. A bucket in the shower can catch water for plants and clean-up jobs.
4. There are numerous water-saving devices on the market. Look for aerators, flow regulators, and displacement devices to make your home conservation-friendly.



**Use less water—especially less hot water—to keep bills down.**