



THIRSTY FOR KNOWLEDGE? LET'S LEARN ABOUT WATER!

Do you know how much water a family of four uses every day in the United States? Not 50 gallons, not 100 gallons, but 400 gallons! You could take up to 10 baths with that much water—but who would want to do that? Fortunately, there are many things we can do to save.

FOR SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER, FLIP OVER.

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Turn off the Tap!

Just by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth in the morning and before bedtime, you can save as much as 4 to 8 gallons of water! That could add up to more than 200 gallons a month. The same is true when you wash dishes.



Take a shower instead of a bath, using a low-flow shower head.

A shower only uses 10 to 25 gallons, while a bath takes up to 70 gallons. To save even more water, keep your shower under five minutes long.

Fix toilet leaks.

This is the biggest water waster in the average household. Even if you don't hear your toilet running, water still may be escaping silently. To be sure, ask GAUD for our free leak detection tablets or use a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If water in the bowl changes color, you've got a leak that needs fixing.



Water Only When Needed.

- Water your lawn or garden during the cool morning hours to reduce evaporation.
- Look for sprinklers that produce droplets, not mist, or use soaker hoses.
- Set sprinklers to water lawns and gardens only—not the street or sidewalk.
- Don't overwater your landscaping.



Who Needs a Hose?

An easy way to save water is to use a bucket and sponge when washing cars and bikes. Washing your bike or car with a bucket and sponge instead of a hose saves a lot of water. A hose can waste 6 gallons per minute if you leave it running, but using a bucket and sponge only uses a few gallons.

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