Conservation - Using Water Wisely

Water is a natural resource we all share. People use water for many things, like drinking, washing, cleaning, and swimming. As more people move to our region, more water is needed to take care of their needs. Waterworks is working hard to increase supplies, but water is still a limited resource.

That's why it's important for you to use water wisely and not to waste it. When you waste water, you're using water that other people might need. But when you use water carefully, there is more water for other people to use.

It is also important to use water carefully because we rely on rain, sleet and snow to bring us water and since the weather is unpredictable, it sometimes results in a drought when there isn't enough water available.

That's what water conservation is all about using water wisely and not wasting it.

What Can You Do?

You can save water by following these tips:

- Don't keep the water running while you're brushing your teeth
- Don't run the tap for a cold drink of water. Use ice cubes or keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator
- Take shorter showers or use less bath water. Make it a game. When you take your shower, keep a timer in the bathroom and see if you can get your shower down to five minutes… and still get clean!

Get help from your mom or dad to:

- Fix a dripping faucet - it can waste as much as 20 gallons of water a day!
- Install a water-saving shower head.
- Water your lawn or garden early in the morning or late in the evening - that way you lose less to evaporation.
- Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and just quickly rinse with a hose at the end.