



# Tips for Conservation



## Inside the Home

- Check faucets, pipes, and toilets for leaks.
- Do not leave the water running when brushing your teeth.
- Tell moms and dads not to leave water running while shaving
- Throw tissues and other bits of trash in a wastebasket rather than flushing down the toilet.
- If everyone in the US flushed the toilet just one less time per day, we could save a lake full of water about a mile long, a mile wide, and four feet deep every day!
- Take shorter showers and baths.
- Fill the dishwasher completely before running.
- Keep drinking water in refrigerator rather than leaving the faucet running until it get cold.
- Select property water level for use in your clothes washer
- Hang dry clothes when weather is nice.
- When cleaning your fish tank, use dirty water for the plants!

## • Outside...

- Don't water the pavement – position sprinklers so water only lands on your lawn or garden
- Only water when truly needed! If it springs back up when stepped on, it does not need water.
- Only water in the evening or early morning. Water applied during the hottest part of the day evaporates before the roots can soak up the H<sub>2</sub>O.
- Keep areas free of weeds. They rob the water needed for your plants and lawn.
- Sweep debris from hard surfaces – save the water by not washing it!
- Don't let the water run while washing your car – use trigger nozzle.
- Mulch planted areas. It helps hold moisture and control weeds.
- Cover swimming pools to keep the water from evaporating.
- Use reusable bags when shopping.
- NEVER litter and pick up litter you find!