

TOP 10 WAYS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE GROUNDWATER

1.Go Native

Use native plants in your landscape. They look great and don't require much water or fertilizer. Also, choose grass varieties for your lawn that are adapted to your region's climate, reducing the need for extensive watering or chemical applications.

2. Reduce Chemical Use

Use fewer chemicals around your home and yard, and make sure to dispose of them properly – don't dump them on the ground!

3. Manage Waste

Properly dispose of potentially toxic substances like unused chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paint, motor oil, and other substances. Many communities hold household hazardous waste collections or sites – contact your local health department to find one near you.

4. Don't Let It Run

Shut off the water when you brush your teeth or shave, and don't let it run while waiting for it to reach a desired temperature. For cold drinking water, keep a pitcher in the fridge.

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5. Fix the Drip

Check all the faucets, fixtures, toilets, and taps in your home for leaks and fix them right away, or install water conserving models.



6. Water Wisely

Water the lawn and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it. Make sure you, your family and your neighbors obey any watering restrictions during dry periods.

7. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Reduce the amount of "stuff" you use and reuse what you can. Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and other materials.

8. Natural Alternatives

Use all natural/nontoxic household cleaners whenever possible. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally-friendly.

9. Wash Smarter

Limit yourself to just a five minute shower, and challenge your family members to do the same! Also, make sure to only run full loads when washing dishes and clothes.

10. Learn and Do More!

Get involved in water education! Learn more about groundwater and share your knowledge with others.

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