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Here’s how you can help:

- Use a low-flow toilet to reduce the amount of water required to flush.
- Use the toilet only for its intended purpose, not for the disposal of tissues or trash.
- Watch out for leaky taps or toilets and repair immediately. A slow drip wastes 15 to 20 gallons of water a day.
- Take shorter showers instead of baths. Showers require less water. Every inch in the tub equals approximately five gallons.
- Up to five gallons a minute goes straight down the drain when taps are left running to shave or brush teeth. Turn on the taps only when needed.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill a basin or stopper a sink for rinsing rather than running the tap.
- Automatic dishwashers use 12 to 25 gallons for each full cycle. Avoid using the “rinse only” cycle and only run full loads.
- Avoid running the tap for a glass of water. Put a bottle or pitcher in the refrigerator.
- Since washing machines require 4.0 gallons or more, save water by washing only full loads.
- Use buckets and tubs to wash your car or the dog rather than a continuously running hose.
- Water lawns and gardens only when needed and only during the early morning or evening when evaporation is lower.
- A garden hose will dispense up to 600 gallons in two hours. A nozzle will act as a flow restrictor and reduce water use significantly.
- Cutting grass at a 2 to 3-inch height instead of cropping it closely will reduce the amount of water needed.
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of washing down with the hose.
- Reuse as much water as possible.
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- Let small children bathe together.
- If lawn watering is scheduled, let youngsters play in the hose spray or sprinkler in a grassy area instead of filling a wading pool.

Let’s Save Water!
Water Conservation Coloring Book

Created by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board

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