

Water Conservation

Did you know...

Water Supplies Are Finite

- 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by water, but less than 1% is available for human use.

Direct & Indirect Water Use

- Direct water use in drinking, bathing, doing laundry, accounts for only a small portion of your total water use. There is even more water used to produce the food, goods, and services you consume.
- A single pound of beef or one pair of blue jeans takes, on average, 1,800 gallons of water to produce!

Drought & Global Water Crisis

- 1 billion people across the globe lack access to safe drinking water and 2.5 billion people do not have access to adequate sanitation services - both of which are essential to improving human health.
- California is in the midst of one of the most severe droughts on record, making water conservation a top priority.

Focus on your own water use habits and you will find many opportunities to conserve. Here are some ideas:

- Limit your showers to 2-5 minutes. You can save up to 20 gallons of water each day with this small change!
- Turn off the tap while you lather in the shower, brush your teeth, shave, and/or scrub dishes.
- Only do laundry when you have a full load or combine with a friend! Re-use towels and clothes until dirty.
- Enjoy more meatless or dairy free meals.
- Choose eco-friendly detergents, soaps, and personal care products when possible.
- Carry a reusable water bottle and fill it up at the nearest hydration station. Each disposable plastic bottle takes 3 times the amount of water it holds to produce it.
- Bring a drought-friendly plant (such as a succulent) for your room.