



Directions: Cut these tips apart and put them in the bucket provided. Pull one every day and discuss how these things help to protect and conserve water. Feel free to add suggestions to the list.

### **Water Quality Ideas**

- 1 Compost
- 2 Clean up after your pet
- 3 Make a rain garden
- 4 Use cat litter instead of salt on icy walks
- 5 Wash your car on the lawn
- 6 Choose nonphosphate or low phosphate detergents
- 7 Do not flush medications in toilet
- 8 Pull weeds instead of using weed killer
- 9 Use natural methods of pest control vs. insecticides
- 10 Do not pour anything down storm drains
- 11 Mark storm drains
- 12 Do not put hazardous materials down the drain or in the trash.
- 13 Dispose of yard waste properly
- 14 Use a mulcher blade on lawn mower instead of bagging
- 15 Take hazardous materials to a collection site

- 16 Mow lawn at least 3" high
- 17 Fertilize lawn and not the sidewalk or driveway
- 18 Sweep up lawn clippings off road and other hard surfaces
- 19 Sweep fertilizer back onto the lawn and not the road or other hard surfaces
- 20 Take care of your car, if its leaking, fix it
- 21 Don't rake weeds into the storm sewer or road
- 22 If you are storing dirt or mulch, don't let it run into the drain
- 23 If you live by a waterway, keep fertilizer and pesticides approximately 20 feet away from it.
- 24 Only rain in the drain

#### **Water Conservation Ideas**

- 25 Rain barrel
- 26 Mulch your plants
- 27 Low flow shower heads & faucets
- 28 Turn off water while brushing teeth
- 29 Use a cup for water from the faucet instead of plastic bottles
- 30 Rinse all your dishes at once by using a dish rack placed in the sink
- 31 Only run your dishwasher and washing machine when they are full
- 32 Put a spray nozzle on the end of hose for car washing & plant watering

- 33 Use a broom instead of water to clean driveway
- 34 Use native plants that require less water
- 35 Fix leaky faucets and toilets
- 36 Turn off sprinklers when it rains
- 37 Use a rain gauge. Lawns only need about 1 inch of water per week
- 38 Improve your aim. Water lawns not drives & sidewalks
- 39 Watch and enjoy ducks, seagulls and geese, but do not feed them
- 40 Pick up after yourself when fishing, swimming and boating
- 41 Participate in a river clean up
- 42 Don't leave hoses running
- 43 Direct hoses towards your lawn
- 44 Take your car to a car wash that recycles water.
- 45 Put a pop bottle in the toilet tank to reduce water use per flush
- 46 Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap
- 47 Use a shower timer
- 48 Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save water every time
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