

# WATER WISDOM TIPS -

## YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE WATER!

### 1. Fix leaky faucets.

- That drip-drop sound from the faucet may sound small, but over time, it adds up to a lot of water wasted. One leaking faucet can waste over 2,000 gallons a year! Be a Leaky Detective and go around the house finding leaks that need fixing. Report your findings to your parents.



### 2. Turn off the faucet when brushing teeth, doing dishes, or washing your hands and face.

- Don't leave the water running. Even though it seems the water is on "just a few seconds," these seconds quickly add up to minutes and hours of water wasted by the end of the year. A typical faucet runs about 3 gallons of water each minute.

### 3. Take 5-minute showers.

- A typical shower uses 7 gallons of water a minute. Time how long you normally take in the shower. If it's over five minutes, try to cut down on your shower time. An average bath uses 36 gallons of water.



### 4. Do a full load of laundry instead of only half a load.

- Washing machines use about 55 gallons of water per load so it's water-wise to fill up the washing machine each time you use it. Using the short cycle saves water as well. Remember to use biodegradable laundry soap!



### 5. Soak dishes and silverware before washing.

- Washing dishes by hand uses 3 gallons of water a minute. By soaking dishes first, you need less water once it's time to scrub and rinse. Dishwashers use 15 gallons a load so make sure they're full if you're using them instead.



### 6. Install low-flow faucets and showers.

- These use half the amount of water typical faucets use and can save thousands of gallons of water a year.