



Water Conservation



Saving or Wasting?

Working in pairs, examine each of the images and captions. Print an "S" beside the action that you think saves water; print a "W" beside the action that you think wastes water. Discuss why you made those choices, and what else you could do to reduce the impact on the environment.

<p>_____ Wash the car with the hose</p> 	<p>_____ Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher</p> 	<p>_____ Water the garden with the hose</p> 
<p>_____ Water the garden with water collected from the rain barrel</p> 	<p>_____ Fix a leaky faucet</p> 	<p>_____ Let the water run while brushing your teeth</p> 
<p>_____ Fill the bathtub 1/4 full</p> 	<p>_____ Turn off the water while brushing your teeth</p> 	<p>_____ Wash the car with a bucket and sponge</p> 
<p>_____ Wash a few clothes every day</p> 	<p>_____ Not fixing a leaky faucet</p> 	<p>_____ Fill the bathtub full</p> 



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<p>Modern, automated car wash stations often reuse wash water and keep soap out of our storm drains – a better solution!</p> 	<p>Be even more conservation-minded, and also run the full washing devices during off-peak hours</p> 	<p>Using a watering can to put water exactly where it's needed saves more water. Less than 3% of the water produced at a large municipal water treatment plant is used for drinking purposes; during the summer, about half of all treated water is sprayed onto lawns and gardens. (Environment Canada, 2000)</p>
<p>Rain barrels are water-efficient! A single lawn sprinkler spraying 19 litres per minute uses more water in just one hour than a combination of ten toilet flushes, two 5-minute showers, two dishwasher loads, and a full load of clothes (www.Epcor.ca)</p>	<p>Many Canadian homes lose more water from leaky taps than they need for cooking and drinking (Environment Canada, 2000)</p> 	<p>Leave the water running for 2 minutes while brushing your teeth could waste 40 litres of water!</p> 
<p>Less water in the tub means less water wasted.</p> 	<p>Always turn off the water while brushing your teeth!</p> 	<p>Washing the car with a bucket of water from your rain barrel, biodegradable soap and sponge can be OK.</p> 
 <p>To conserve water always wait until you have a full load. To conserve energy too, wash on a sunny day and dry your clothes outside!</p>	<p>Fix your leaky faucet immediately!</p> 	<p>Water use during showering/bathing depends on the length of your shower and the type of showerhead you have & the amount of water in the tub. A 6 min. shower under a standard showerhead uses the same amount of water as a half-filled tub.</p>