



Resourceful News

Resource conservation and pollution prevention tips for home and work.

Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain...



The dry weather patterns we've experienced since July are still in effect even though we've received several inches of rain in December. Water managers are expecting that it will take several weeks of typical wet winter weather for reservoir levels to return to normal.

Our supply of clean drinking water is limited. Taking actions to use this precious resource wisely will ensure that we all have enough fresh drinking water for ourselves and future generations. With some salmon species now listed as endangered, it is important for each of us to take steps to ensure their survival. Water conservation helps achieve that goal by making sure the needs of people do not have to compete with the needs of fish.

To help conserve water, incorporate several of the water conservation tips below into your daily routine.

- Consider flushing one less time each day at home.
- Spend a minute less in the shower.
- Wash only full loads in the clothes washer and dishwasher.
- Buy a water efficient washing machine. Get a \$75 rebate. (Remember to recycle your old washer.)
- Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks instead of a hose.
- Use a car wash that recycles water.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or washing dishes.
- Fix faucet and toilet leaks. A small, silent toilet leak can waste \$50 per year in water and sewer costs.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.

For more information on why it's important to conserve water, how to identify and fix toilet leaks and how to qualify for a \$75 rebate on washing machines, visit www.savingwater.org.