

# 20 things you can do to save water

Yes, you can help too!

**Water is precious! Every single drop!**

**Water is earth's most precious natural resource. Life depends on water.**

**Water in Cyprus is scarce. You can help save water without changing the quality of your life.**

**Just follow these simple measures and you will save hundreds of liters!**

## In the bathroom

**1 Check your toilet for leaks.** Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.

**2 Do not use the toilet** as a wastebasket or an ashtray. With every flush you waste 12 liters.

**3 Put the plastic bag** in the tank that you can get free from the Water Board. Make your own water saving mechanism for the tank. Fill a milk plastic bottle with pebbles or sand or water and put it in the tank. You will save approximately more than 10 gallons of water per day.

**4 Take shorter showers and while you soap** up do not keep the water running. Remember that an eight minutes shower spend around 80-120 liters of water. A quick four minutes shower will only use 40-60 liters of water.

**5 While brushing** your teeth or shaving turn off the water. Use a glass of water for washing you mouth and fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of warm water for rinsing the razor. Remember that with the water running you waste 10-20 liters when you need no more than two!

**6 Make sure that** all faucets are not dripping. Ten drips of water per minute can mount up to two tons of wasted water per year! Every drop counts and is precious! Save every drop.

**7 Check your water** meter often. You can prevent water waste.

## In the kitchen

**8 Use the washing machine** and the dishwasher only when they are fully loaded. Have in mind that the average washing program uses around 100-150 liters of water. Do not waste them with a half full machine.

**9 If you wash dishes** by hand, do not leave water running. Use a bowl to collect the water to use it later for watering.

**10 When you wash fruits** and vegetables use the bowl to collect the water.

**11 Keep a bottle** of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running tap water to cool it off is wasteful.

**12 Check faucets and pipes** for leaks. Leaks waste water 24 hours a day, seven days a week and often can be repaired easily and inexpensively.

## Outside

**13 Water your garden** only if is absolutely necessary.

**14 Deep soak your trees** and flowers. The soil should moisture and the roots should soak down. You will not have to water again soon.

**15 Water your garden** during the cool parts of the day – either early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

**16 Plant trees and plants** that are drought – resistant. They need far less watering.

**17 Use a bucket** and a broom to clean your verandas.

**18 Use a bucket and a sponge** to clean your car.

**19 Broom the sideway** and the pavements and throw a couple of water buckets. Do not use the hose.

**20 Check for outside** faucets, pipes, hoses for leaks.

**Water is getting scarce.  
You can help to protect  
every single drop!**

