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Water Savings tips - Compiled by Jamey Fitzpatrick

Local, Global and Spiritual Conservation Websites (feel free to share others):



www.bewaterwise.com

www.uscatholic.org/articles/201404/tips-conserving-water-your-parish-28769

eartheasy.com/live_water_saving.htm

saveourwater.com/what-you-can-do/tips/

americanwater.com/49ways.php

wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/

earthministry.org/water/

Water Saving tips from Readers

Here are a couple of ideas I use:

- 1) It takes a long time for the water to get hot in my kitchen, so while I'm waiting for it to warm up to do dishes in my sink, I run the water and collect it in a watering can to put on my indoor and/or outdoor plants.
- 2) I save my rinse water to put on my plants, too.
- 3) I'm not running water to rinse my dishes before putting them in the dishwasher any more. I always have something with water in it soaking and I use that water to wipe the dishes if they need it. ~ **Diane Bader**

I empty my ice chest on a tree. I run the kitchen and the shower faucets into a bucket while waiting for hot water - the bucket goes to a tree. The shower donates just one bucket's worth. ~ **Barbara Breeden**

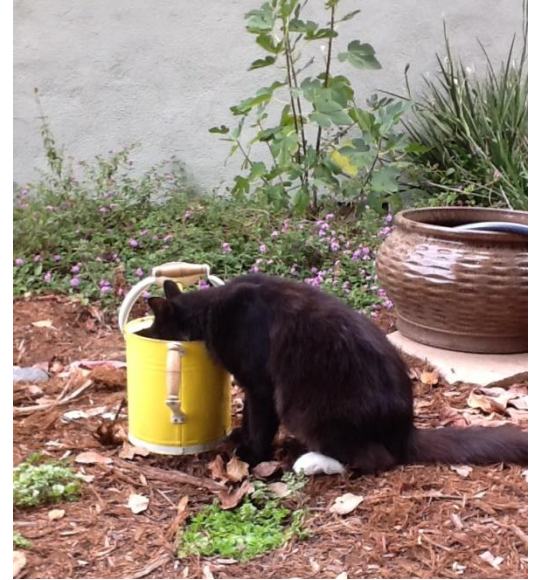
We've done several things in our yard and house to help use less water.

We still need to do more!

- 1) **One of the first things we did was put a nozzle on each of the hoses outside.** It not only controls the amount of water, but the quality. I realized that not all plants enjoy getting pelted with a hose – so “shower” and “mist” and other settings really help.
- 2) **We try and water at night to help the plants better absorb the water instead of losing it through evaporation.** It works with our California Natives, but some plants are picky about when they receive water, so it might not work for everyone.



- 3) **We use the cats' water to water the plants in containers** on the porch before refilling their dishes with fresh water. So far the plants haven't minded, and neither have the cats.
- 4) **I also found having to carry the water physically** in a bucket or watering can really helps me see each drop and cup as the precious resource it is.
- 5) **We read about and took classes on gardening with native trees and flowers.** We designed a California Native Garden and had friends help rip out our lawn. We found so many incredible plants that can thrive in our clay soil and our very hot, Mediterranean climate.
- 6) **We installed a couple of rain barrels,** and use that water on established plants and to wash off our hands or tools when they get muddy. ~ Jamey Fitzpatrick



Something I recently started... A lot of people let the water run until the hot water comes in before they jump in the shower. I've been keeping giant water bottles handy (think 3L arrowhead bottle) and just filling one or two up. I set them aside to water plants and do laundry. I try so hard to save water when doing dishes and such and completely forget that I waste gallons before an actual shower! We are all guilty of it...hope this helps! Cheers! ~Arum Santiago



Rain barrels are easy to install and use. Many cities even have a rebate available to cover the whole cost!

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