

CONSERVE WATER AND PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

Here are a few positive steps you can to help conserve money while preserving our water supplies:

Conserve water at home. Choosing just two of the suggested changes below at your home will save you money and leave water for tomorrow's use.

- Replace showerheads with a more efficient low flow model. A new showerhead can save up to six gallons of water per minute.
- Place a plastic bag or bottle filled with water in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water per fill.
- If you have a leak, fix it! Replace worn washers and valves on sinks and pipes. A leaking faucet can waste more than 3,820 gallons of water a year.
- Install faucet aerators - they cut the water use from the sink in half.
- Upgrade to a high efficiency washer. Most newer models use up to 40 percent less water and energy than a conventional washer.
- Do not over-water your lawn. Set sprinklers for times when it is the coolest to avoid evaporation.
- Choose your plants wisely! Buy plants that are native and can take the heat waves.



Recycle, Recycle, Recycle. The buzz in past years to switch from plastic to reusable grocery sacks has greatly reduced the amount of plastic bags lining our streets and waterways. Here are a few more things you can do this year to preserve the quality of our basin's water.

- Eighty percent of all plastic containers are not recycled. Instead they end up in our landfills; or worse, in our storm water drains then in our waterways.

Most cities now provide recycling services along with regular trash pickup. Take a moment to sort your recyclables to keep them out of our waterways. After all, someday your family may be drinking that water!

- Dispose of old tires and oversized trash responsibly. Illegal

dumping can cause contamination of our waterways and can contribute to flooding. Check with your city or county to learn about the proper means of disposing of large trash items. 🇺🇸