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92) Bathe pets outdoors in an area that needs watering - 93) Water only as quickly as the soil can absorb - 94) Aerate your lawn (punch holes in your lawn about six inches apart so water reaches the roots) - 95) Use an empty tuna can when watering your lawn and stop when the can is full - 96) Check well pipes for leaks - 97) Don't leave sprinklers or hoses un-attended - 98) Take your water conservation practices with you on vacation - 99) Follow water conservation practices when not at home - 100) Encourage water conservation everyday \*

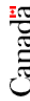
Clean, accessible water supplies are declining world wide due to climate changes, pollution, and over consumption. Change your habits today so tomorrow humans, plants, and animals can have clean water in the future.

\*THIS LIST WAS COMPLIED TO GIVE WATER SAVING OPTIONS. SOME TIPS CONTRADICT EACH OTHER (E.G. WASH DISHES BY HAND VS. RUN FULL LOADS IN THE DISHWASHER). PICK & CHOOSE TIPS THAT SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE.

**WATER IS LIFE...  
USE RESPONSIBLY**



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**TWO- WEEK WATER FOOTPRINT CHALLENGE**

Week 1: Answer these questions then add up your weekly score.

- # of mins. in the shower/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 15 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of times you flush the toilet/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 20 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of toilets that leak in your house: \_\_\_\_\_ x 1000 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of leaky faucets in your house: \_\_\_\_\_ x 300 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of full dishwasher loads/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 50 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of full sinks hand-dishwashed/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 35 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of full washing machine loads/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 200 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of times the tap runs while brushing teeth/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 10 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of times the tap runs while washing hands or face/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 8 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of times a vehicle is washed/week: \_\_\_\_\_ x 400= \_\_\_\_\_
- # of minutes you water your lawn/week: \_\_\_\_\_ x 35= \_\_\_\_\_

Total litres per week 1: = \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2: Answer these questions then add up your weekly score.

- # of mins. in the shower/day: \_\_\_\_\_ x 15 x 7 days= \_\_\_\_\_
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Total litres per week 2: = \_\_\_\_\_

Now calculate the difference between weeks to find out how much water you are now saving your community & email, fax, or phone the CCCS office with your results: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS.**



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# 100 Ways to Save Water Everyday\*



**WATER WISE, A Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society Program**

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- **INDOORS:** - 1) Wash dishes by hand - 2) Don't let the tap run while washing dishes - 3) Fill one dish sink with soapy water, the other with rinse water - 4) Only run full loads in your dishwasher - 5) Only run full loads in your washing machine - 6) Use garbage disposals less often - 7) Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge so you don't have to let the tap run cold for each glass - 8) Wash vegetables in a bowl (or clean sink), NOT under a running tap - 9) Use this veggie-cleaning water on your houseplants - 10) Install a low flow shower head - 11) Shorten your showers by a few minutes - 12) When replacing, buy water smart appliances - 13) Don't use your toilet as a garbage can - 14) Only flush your toilet as needed - 15) Upgrade to a low water toilet - 16) Place a filled jar or bottle in your toilet tank - 17) Fill the bathtub only ¼ full - 18) Use old fish tank water on houseplants (rich in nitrogen & phosphorus) - 19) Check your toilet tank for leaks regularly with food coloring - 20) Don't wait for hot water before plugging your bathtub drain - 21) Only use one glass a day for drinking all your water (reduces dish washing) - 22) Don't de-thaw food with running water - 23) Turn the taps off tightly after every use - 24) Match laundry load size with the correct amount of water needed - 25) Turn off the tap while soaping, and shampooing - 26) Soak pots & pans, don't rinse and scrape - 27) Fix leaky faucets - 28) Place a bucket in the shower to catch extra water and use on plants - 29) Turn off the tap while you're brushing your teeth - 30) Install an instant water heater on your kitchen tap - 31) Catch excess running tap water with an ice cream bucket in your sink to use later - 32) Make sure there are aerators on all of your faucets
- 33) Bathe young children together - 34) Insulate hot water pipes - 35) If you have an evaporative air conditioner, direct the water drain to plants or grass - 36) Select the correct size of cooking pots and pans - 37) Turn off the tap while shaving - 38) Continue your water conservation practices at work - 39) Teach others how to save water - 40) Get involved in your community to promote water conservation - 41) Wash clothes only if they need washing - 42) Replace or adjust toilet handles that stick -
- **OUTDOORS:** - 43) Check your sprinkler system for leaks annually - 44) Adjust your sprinklers so they water your lawn... only - 45) Use a spring loaded hose nozzle on the end of your hose - 46) Avoid planting in steep inclines (to prevent water runoff) - 47) Plant drought hardy plants (native, xeriscape, or alpine) - 48) Use a cover on pools & hot tubs to prevent evaporation - 49) Check all pool & hot tub pumps for leaks - 50) Plant in the spring or fall (lower water requirements) - 51) Only water plants & grass in the early morning or evening - 52) Use organic mulch around your plants, trees, and shrubs - 53) Use a broom, NOT a hose to clean your driveway - 54) Don't over water your lawn - 55) Only water your lawn if you step on it & it doesn't bounce back up - 56) Only water for 30 minutes, twice a week - 57) Hand water your lawn, instead of using a sprinkler - 58) Remove *thatch* from your lawn - 59) Check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks - 60) Use a bucket of water to wash your car, NOT the hose - 61) Turn off sprinklers after using them - 62) Set lawnmower blades to 5-8cm high (less water evaporates) - 63) Use rain barrel water on outdoor plants -
- 64) Install a rain shut-off device on your automatic sprinklers - 65) Remove small patches of thirsty grass from your yard - 66) Plant trees, shrubs, or ground covers, instead of more grass - 67) Use rocks, instead of plants to decorate some of your outdoor areas - 68) Know where your water shut-off valve is within your home - 69) Probe your soil before watering with a screwdriver (if it goes into the dirt easily, you don't need to water) - 70) Don't water on windy days - 71) Only frequent car washes that recycle their water - 72) Don't buy more running shoes than you need because each pair requires a lot of water to create - 73) Use porous materials for walkways to prevent runoff - 74) Use a water-efficient drip irrigation for your outdoor plants - 75) Keep sprinkler heads clean & leak free - 76) Water plants deeply, but less often - 77) Group plants according to water needs - 78) Remove thirsty dandelions and other weeds - 79) Don't over fertilize - 80) Avoid ornamental water features unless the water gets recycled - 81) Avoid recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water - 82) Ensure your pool does not lose more than ¼ inch of water per day - 83) Mow your lawn less (keeps it healthier) - 84) Direct downspouts & gutters towards trees & shrubs - 85) Winterize outdoor spigots - 86) Install water softening systems only as necessary - 87) Prune back heavy foliage to reduce water needs - 88) Report significant water losses from broken pipes, open hydrants, or errant sprinklers to the property owner or your water management authority - 89) Don't water dormant grass; Leave it brown - 90) Start a compost pile for gardening - 91) Reduce your outdoor watering schedule -