

SAVE WATER INDOORS

In the Kitchen

- Run only full loads in the dishwasher.
- Soak pots and pans before washing.
- Turn the faucet on and off as needed instead of letting water run while washing and rinsing dishes, vegetables, etc.
- Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.

In the Bathroom

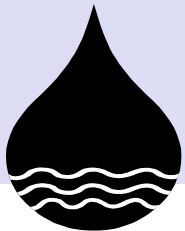
- Install low flow shower heads.
- Take shorter showers or bathe in shallow baths.
- Install a water displacement device in the tanks of older toilets.
- Check for leaky toilet fixtures and repair or replace.
- Install low volume faucet aerators on the lavatory. Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving.

Washing Clothes

- Match your washer's water level to your load size.
- Wash full loads.

Other Opportunities

- Insulate hot water pipes and water heaters
- Use your water meter to check for hidden leaks. Turn off all faucets and appliances. If the meter reading changes, there is a leak. Water Utility Department personnel will be glad to assist.



SAVE WATER OUTDOORS

Driveways, Sidewalks, and Walkways

- Use a broom or leaf blower instead of the hose.

Hoses

- Repair all leaks and install water-saving shut-off nozzles.



Lawns and Gardens

- Water during the morning or evening to avoid excess evaporation.
- Use mulch around shrubs to save moisture.

The Pool

- Use a cover to prevent excess evaporation.

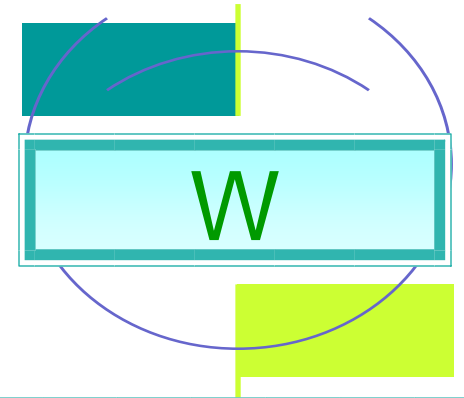
The Car

- Don't let water run while washing your car.

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Water Production
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*It's Your Resource...
Use It Wisely!*

WHY CONSERVE WATER?

Ruston is growing. Each day brings new demands for city services. To meet tomorrow's demands we must start being good stewards today.



Keeping Water Plentiful

Only 3% of the world's water is fresh water and of this, 2/3 is stored in icecaps and glaciers. That leaves only 1% of the world's water available for drinking.

Why Conserve Water in Louisiana?

The depletion of the Sparta aquifer has a major effect on the availability of good quality water for future generations.

Keeping Water Clean

Conserving water is only half the battle. To ensure that our water needs will always be met, we must protect our water supplies against the constant threat of pollution.

Everyone's Responsibility

Working to protect our precious water supplies is critical. Read on in this brochure to learn more about water and what can be done to protect and conserve.

WE USE WATER EVERY DAY

- To grow our food
- To provide power
- To control fire
- To heat and cool our homes and places of work
- To keep us clean
- To keep us alive



Save Money

Monthly sewer rates are set for the entire year by calculating the average water readings during December, January and February, which is when most residential use is confined to cooking, cleaning, personal hygiene, etc. By conserving water, especially during these winter months, you will be able to reduce not only your water bill but your sewer bill as well.

Save Energy

You'll save energy by reducing the amount of hot water you use and by saving the electricity used to pump water.

Save the Environment

Conserving water helps ease the burden on the Sparta aquifer, as well as extending the life of pumping, treatment, storage and distribution facilities.

Easy Saving Tips

If your water heater is not insulated, an insulation blanket can help you save energy and money. Always follow installation instructions carefully!



EASY WAYS TO CONSERVE

1. Watch how much water you use when doing dishes, brushing your teeth, showering, and washing your car.
2. Fix leaks. A faucet that drips can waste up to 3,280 gallons per year. A 1/4" stream of water will flow 4,726,000 gallons in one year!
3. Look for water saving devices and low volume appliances to install and use in your home. From aerators to energy efficient washing machines, make your home conservation friendly.



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