Here are a number of other easy ways for you and your family to use water wisely:

- ☐ Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- ☐ Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks.
- ☐ Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- ☐ Choose new water-saving appliances, like washing machines that save up to 20 gallons per load.
- ☐ Use a rain gauge to track how much rain or irrigation your yard receives.
- ☐ Turn the water off while you shampoo and condition your hair and you can save more than 50 gallons a week.
- ☐ Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- ☐ Compost instead of using the garbage disposal and save gallons every time.
- ☐ Set lawn mower blades to at least 3 inches. Taller grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.
- ☐ Insulate hot water pipes so you don't have to run as much water to get hot water to the faucet.
- ☐ Direct downspouts and other runoff toward shrubs and trees or into a rain barrel.
- ☐ Make sure you know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save gallons of water and damage to your home if a pipe were to burst.
- ☐ Pick up the phone and report broken water pipes, open hydrants and mis-directed sprinklers to the property owner or your local water provider.
- ☐ Turn off the water while you shave and you can save more than 100 gallons a week.
- ☐ Patronize a commercial car wash that recycles water or operates under water efficiency standards. Or wash your car on the grass. This will water your lawn at the same time.
- ☐ Make sure your toilet flapper doesn't stick open after flushing.
- ☐ For more water-saving tips, dive into our website at www.wateruseitwisely.com or call your local water provider.

There are a number of ways to save water…

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...and they all start with you.

Georgia has historically been considered a water-rich state. However, with a state population that is expected to nearly double in the next 30 years, water supplies will face increasing demands. Water conservation is essential to help preserve our water rich heritage for future generations.

Those of us who live in this fast-growing state must use water wisely. Everywhere you look, you'll find another easy way to save water. Turning water off when it's not needed, fixing leaky faucets and toilets right away, and taking shorter showers are just a few ideas. Water is something we all need, so we all need to work together to conserve it.

Water — Use it Wisely

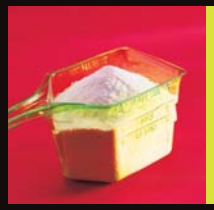
Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons each month.

Use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car to save more than 100 gallons.

Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save up to 80 gallons of water every time.

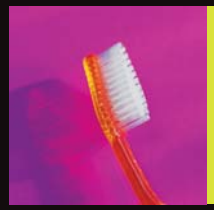
Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a plant that doesn't need much watering.



Reach for the scoop only when you have a full load and save up to 600 gallons each month.

Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage and monitor for leaks.



Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.

Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save gallons every time.

Before you lather up, install a water-saving showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save your family more than 500 gallons a week.

Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save up to 140 gallons a week.

Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. It's easy to fix, and you can save more than 600 gallons a month.

There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you.