

## Are You In?

Even though you can turn your tap on and have water whenever you need it, we don't have an endless supply of water.

What are you doing to save water?  
We want to hear about it.



Take the water conservation pledge at  
[www.MyDropCounts.org](http://www.MyDropCounts.org)



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The My Drop Counts water conservation campaign is a program of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.



# Water Conservation Tips



## Our Water Story

Rainfall varies significantly from year to year. The rivers that supply our water are relatively small because we are located near the headwaters, or origins, of the streams and can only withdraw so much. We can't get much water from the ground because beneath our soil is a layer of thick granite!

## Where does our water come from?



## Bathroom

- Replace older toilets with high efficiency toilets. You may qualify for a toilet rebate. Go to [www.northgeorgiawater.org](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org) to learn more.
- Reduce your shower by 2 minutes and you can save 5 gallons per shower.
- Turn off the water while you shave or brush your teeth and you can save at least 100 gallons a week.
- Check your toilet for leaks. Put food color in your toilet tank and wait 10 minutes. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, you have a leak.

## Kitchen

- Scrape your dishes instead of rinsing before placing in the dishwasher, and you can save 6 gallons a day.
- Limit dishwashing to FULL loads, and you can save at least 2 gallons a load.
- Use the fridge to thaw frozen food.

## Around the House

- Look for EPA WaterSense and EnergyStar labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures. These products have been independently tested and verified to save to least 20% more water compared to conventional products.
- Fix leaky faucets as soon as you notice them. A leak of 60 drips a minute wastes 192 gallons a month.
- Do only FULL loads of laundry. Cutting back one load of laundry can save up to 45 gallons per load.

# We all need to use wisely.



## Lawn and Garden

- Water lawns and outdoor plants only between 4pm. and 10am. It's Georgia law.
- More plants die in Georgia from overwatering than underwatering. One inch of rain or water every 7-10 days is all your plants need.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Install a rain sensor so your system won't run when it's raining.
- Landscape with native plants or plants well adapted to our region.
- Water the base of the plant instead of leaves. This saves water and reduces disease.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway, sidewalk and deck.