



Water Smarter!

Water is an important resource in life. Although clean water is a human right, it is a limited resource for many around the world. When it comes to conserving water, little changes can have a big impact!

You can help educate your family and friends about the importance of water conservation by making a poster or sign to remind people of the ways that they can help! Use the sample ideas below to get started or use your own ideas!

Sample ideas for saving water include:

1. Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle to cut down on washing glasses.
2. Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap!
3. Drop an ice cube, don't throw it in the sink, drop it in a house plant instead.
4. Shorten your shower by only a minute or two and you will save up to 150 gallons of water per month.
5. Don't let the water run when you are brushing your teeth!
6. When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
7. Turn off faucets tightly after each use.
8. Drop tissues in the trash instead of flushing them down the toilet and save water.
9. In your garden, use 2 to 4 inches of organic mulch around plants which will reduce evaporation and help save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
10. Wash pets outside in an area of your lawn that needs water.



What You Need

- Small poster boards, cardboard or construction paper
- Markers
- Sticky notes (optional)



How You Do It

- 1 Select ideas from the list above and create some of your own.
- 2 Write the ideas on your poster and hang the poster somewhere in your house to remind you to be "water smarter."
- 3 Optional: Make additional posters for friends and family to help teach them about the importance of water conservation.



Before the
project

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS.

"I Want to Go Green! But What Does That Mean?" by Jill Dunn

This is a fun, rhyming story that introduces elementary-aged children to a green lifestyle. The main character takes readers on a silly yet educational adventure as he discovers simple ways to conserve resources and keep our Earth clean.

"All the Water in the World" by George Ella Lyon

A lively and inspiring poem weaves together facts about water and the need for water conservation.

Carter Jenkins 2013 Hasbro Community Action Hero Students for Safe Water

In 2010, Carter Jenkins was surfing the Internet and saw a photo essay on Blue Planet Run that provided a window into the lives of people living without access to safe water. Carter knew there were water shortages in the world, but it wasn't until he saw the photographs and did further research that he started to understand the magnitude of the crisis. He knew he had to do something so he started Students For Safe Water (SFSH2O.com).

To date, Students For Safe Water has raised over \$100,000 and provided improved sanitation and safe water to over 3000 people in rural villages in the developing world. Students For Safe Water is partnering with a USC Global Health student on a water and sanitation project in Madagascar which is the student's native country.

The organization suggests the following ways to get involved in the fight to bring safe water and basic sanitation to everyone:

- Give a presentation to your class to raise awareness about the importance of water. Email sfsh2o@hotmail.com for suggested information to include.
- Write an article, poem or story about the issue and publish it in your school paper or newsletter. Enter an essay contest or email it to us and we might post it on our website.
- Begin a school-wide pledge to conserve water.
- Spread the word about what we are trying to do, tell your twitter and Facebook friends.
- Start your own club on campus. Email sfsh2o@hotmail.com for ideas.
- Fundraise and donate to an organization such as Students for Safe Water, UNICEF or Charity Water.

Check out the Students for Safe Water site to see what other young people are doing, get more ideas.