## **Facts about Soil and Water Conservation**



- ✓ Individuals use about 150 gallons of water every day.
- ✓ The average household consumes 350 gallons of water a day, which is more than 100,000 gallons of water every year.
- ✓ 45% of the water used every day is flushed down the toilet.
  - o Put a plastic bottle filled with water in the toilet tank to cut down on water needed for a flush.
  - o If your toilet runs between flushes, you are wasting more than 250 gallons of water per day. Repair leaks or call a plumber.
  - ✓ Washing the car with a running hose will use more than 100 gallons of water. Using a bucket and sponge saves 90%.
- ✓ Turning off water while brushing your teeth saves10 gallons per person per day.
- ✓ Taking a shower instead of a bath saves about 25 gallons of water. Use a low flow showerhead.
- ✓ Turning off water while peeling vegetables saves two gallons every minute.
- ✓ Dishwashers use less water than washing by hand, about six gallons per load.
- ✓ Wait till you have a full load before running your dishwasher or washing machine.
  - ✓ Water your plants early in the morning or in the evening to reduce evaporation.
  - ✓ America's water is polluted by more than one billion tons of sediment annually.
- ✓ In the U.S. over 2,000 billion gallons of water are filtered annually to remove soil.
- ✓ A ton of animal manure is equal to about 100 pounds of high quality fertilizer.





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