Season of Creation





Water Conservation Wednesdays

Wherever you live, water is a necessity of life. Although around 70% of the world is covered by water, only 2.5% is freshwater and only 1% of all freshwater is easily accessible. That means only 0.007% of the world's water is available for human consumption!

It is estimated that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will live in water-stressed regions as a result of use, growth, and climate change. While we now may live in a region with abundant water, let's make changes for our future and unite with those who lack clean water as we work to conserve water in our daily life.

Lord - open our eyes to see You in all that You have created. Through the contemplation of your goodness, move us to act wisely and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and with the earth that we share.

Take Action!

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks, and driveways
- Save a washing machine full of water per week by turning off the faucet when brushing your teeth
- Install a low-flow showerhead and set a timer for a 5 minute shower
- Put your cup of water in the fridge for your next meal instead of down the drain
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks



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Resources

More ways to save

- 5 areas to work focus on cutting back water use
- How to save water in schools

How water quality and supply affect ecosystems and livelihoods

National Climate Asssement Report - Water Supply

Media and tools

- What's your water footprint? (english and español)
- Quality Unknown: The Invisible Water Crisis (video)
- Waterless Car Wash

Articles

- Nutrient Pollution (english and español)
- 11 cities most likely to run out of drinking water (BBC)
- <u>Laudato Si' and Water</u> (Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns)
- Access to clean water is a life issue the church must defend (National Catholic Reporter)



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