

# WE ARE CONSERVATION- MINDED



OHIO  
AMERICAN WATER

A close-up photograph of a faucet handle. The handle is metallic and covered in water droplets. The word "conserve" is printed in a dark, sans-serif font on the central part of the handle. The background is a bright blue color with a faint pattern of white stars.

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Using water wisely  
and saving money are always  
in season, especially in the  
warmer summer months.

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When the temperature heats up, and we spend more of our time outside, there are simple things that you can do to help maintain water supply levels and to save money at the same time.

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios and sidewalks.
- Water your lawn and plants only when they need it and make sure sprinklers are off when it rains. Watering after dark reduces the amount of water you need to achieve the same results as watering during the day.
- Use a hose nozzle on your hose to better control the flow you are using.
- Use a mulching lawnmower to slow evaporation and allow your lawn to require less water.
- Don't leave the water running while washing your car. Using a spray nozzle and a bucket will help to use less water.
- Cover your pool or spa to prevent evaporation.
- Plant appropriately for your local climate. Choose plants that are drought-tolerant. Your local nursery can help you.

And don't forget these tips you can use indoors ALL the time:

- Install water-saving showerheads and shorten your shower time to five minutes.
- Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth.
- Run only full loads in your dishwasher.
- Rinse produce in a basin as opposed to running water.
- Check your toilets for leaks – a leaky toilet can waste up to 100 gallons of water every day!

**To learn more about how to use water wisely, visit [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).**