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Water Conservation Made Simple

Water Harvesting

Water harvesting is practiced around the world and is a great benefit to the community when used on a large scale. You can take steps to contribute and save water by harvesting at home.

Here's how:

- Shape the ground where water falls from the roof of your home so that water is channeled to landscaping.
- Use rain water tanks/barrels to collect and store water that runs off your roof. Usage of the collected water will be dependent on whether or not the water will run through a septic system.
- You can also use any container that will hold water but we don't recommend using the water for drinking or cooking unless it has been treated.

Home Water Conservation

- Install low flow shower heads and aerators on faucets. Make sure all drip problems are fixed (especially toilet leaks) as drips can waste an enormous amount of water over time.
- "One of the most innovative and effective water saving tool is the dual flush toilet, which estimates a savings of 4,000 gallons of water per year." You can purchase a dual flow toilet at Akagreen.com
- Use a pool cover to reduce water evaporation when the pool is not being used.

No-Cost Water Conservation

- Irrigate your yard at night so that water does not evaporate. Adjust your irrigation settings as the seasons change, irrigating less frequently in the winter and spring.
- Periodically check your yard to make sure you don't have any leaks coming from your drip system.
- Run your dishwasher and clothes washer when they are full. Use cold water to wash your clothes as this decreases energy needed to heat the water.
- Put a bucket in the shower while you're waiting for the water to heat up. You can water plants, put the water in the toilet for flushing and whatever else you can think of!
- Turn off water when shaving and brushing your teeth.
- Use a reusable water bottle instead of bottled water. Even though recycling bottled water is better than disposing of it in the trash, it still takes energy to recycle it.

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