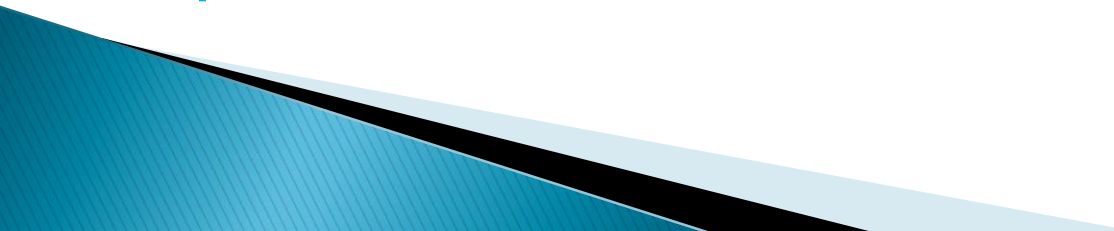


# Water Conservation



You can save time, money and the environment by saving water!

# Why save water?

- ▶ Although 70% of the world is water, only 1% of this water is usable to us.
  - ▶ Well water comes from underground aquifers that need time to replenish. If we draw water too quickly, these aquifers can become depleted.
  - ▶ Lack of water in different habitats can have major detrimental effects on wildlife and plant life.
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# Benefits of Conserving Water

- ▶ In order to conserve water, everybody must do their part. This will...
  - Reduce the impact on the environment by keeping groundwater replenished.
  - Maintain water quality.
  - Reduce the need to seek supplemental water sources.
  - Reduce energy needed to heat water.
  - Prevent lakes and rivers from drying up.



# Fenton River

- ▶ UCONN draws most of its water from the Willimantic River wellfields (approximately **1.3 million gallons per day!**)
- ▶ When necessary, however, UCONN uses water from our local, beautiful Fenton River wellfields.
- ▶ In 2005, **¼ of a mile stretch of the Fenton River was *dried up*** due to drought and excessive use of its water.



# Water Conservation Advisories

- ▶ In order to prevent drying up of rivers, please pay attention to [Water Conservation Advisories](#):
  - These are messages distributed by the University alerting students and faculty of water shortages
  - There are many ways you can save water all the time, but please take extreme caution during these advisories.

These advisories should arrive through UConn Email, but you can also read them here:

<http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/wateradvisories.htm>

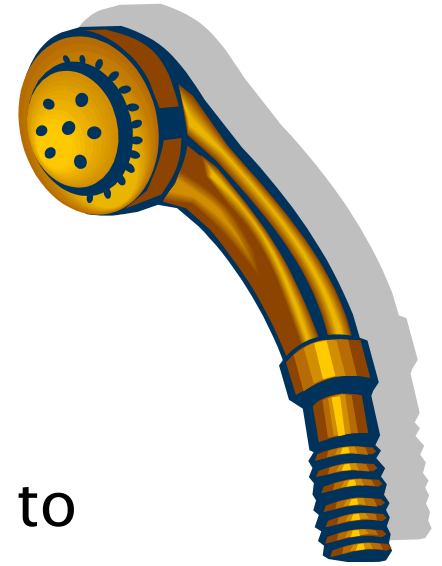
# Stop the Drop

A leaky faucet  
can waste up to  
*20 gallons per  
day!*



**Stop the Drop! If your shower or faucet is leaking, please report it to [reslife.uconn.edu](http://reslife.uconn.edu) or inform your RA!**

# Showers



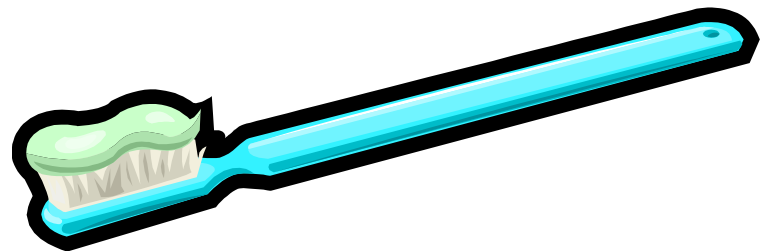
- ▶ The average shower uses **5 gallon of water per minute!**
- ▶ In order to save water, limit shower time to about **5–10 minutes**.
  - This can save 200–300 gallons **per month!**
- ▶ Next time you shower, observe the amount of time you're NOT using the water!
  - Brave the cold! **Turn off the water when you're not rinsing!**
- ▶ Try showering every other day instead of everyday when possible!

# In the sink...

**ONLY RUN THE WATER IF YOU ARE ACTUALLY USING IT!**

- ▶ **Turn off** the water while brushing your teeth or washing your face!
- ▶ **Turn off** the water while scrubbing your hands!

*This can save up to 3 gallons per day!*

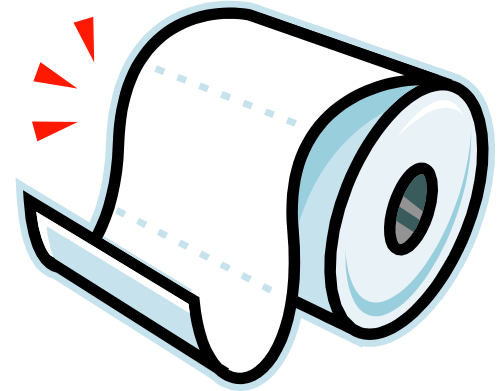




# “Good ol’ Jon” ...

**Please flush responsibly!**

- ▶ Avoid unnecessary flushing
- ▶ Do not use toilets as trash cans!
- ▶ Avoid using excessive toilet paper



# Laundry

- ▶ Hand wash less soiled or slightly stained items.
- ▶ Wear your clothes more than once! Nobody will notice!
- ▶ Ask a friend to throw laundry in together if you only have a few items.
- ▶ Hang dry your towels, linens, and clothing!



# FIND OUT MORE!

Learn about UCONN's steps towards saving water and how you can personally conserve at:

<http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/water-conservation.html>

