

Living **Green** Off-Campus

Water Conservation Off-Campus

Without water, life as we know it would cease to exist. Period! See You Later! That's all Folks!

Consider these water facts

- A leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons a day.
- The average 5 minute shower takes 15 to 25 gallons of water, around 40 gallons are used in 10 minutes.
- Each person needs to drink about 2 ½ quarts of water every day.
- An automatic dishwasher uses 9 to 12 gallons of water while hand washing dishes can use up to 20 gallons.
- Less than 2% of the Earth's water supply is fresh water.
- The human body is about 75% water.
- Only 1% of the Earth's water is available for drinking water. 2% is frozen.
- If every household in America had a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.
- A person can survive about month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water.
- Turning off the water while you brush your teeth can save **4 gallons of water a minute**. That's 200 gallons a week for a family or rental of 4 people.

What simple things can you do off-campus to use water more wisely?

1. Install a **low flow shower head** and limit the length of your showers to no more than 5 minutes.
2. Have your landlord repair any leaky faucets in your rental.
3. Don't allow the water to run while you're brushing your teeth.
4. Don't allow the water to run while you're shaving.
5. Only run full loads of laundry. *Typically never a problem with most college students 😊*
6. Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily.
7. When washing a car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for rinsing.
8. (If applicable to your rental) Run your dishwasher only when full.