

# LAKE HAVASU CITY WATER SAVERS CLUB

## WE MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT!

### Parent/Student Water Conservation Checklist

#### SUGGESTIONS



Are family members taking shorter showers? (5 minutes or less) ( ) Yes ( ) No

Taking shorter showers can help you save up to 3 gallons of water for each minute of shower time reduced. Consider installing a new low-flow shower head which uses 2.5 gallons per minute.



Is water running while shaving or brushing your teeth or rinsing dishes? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Ponding water (keeping it in the sink with a stopper) is a smart way to conserve water. Running the water while shaving or brushing your teeth can use 10-20 gallons of water.

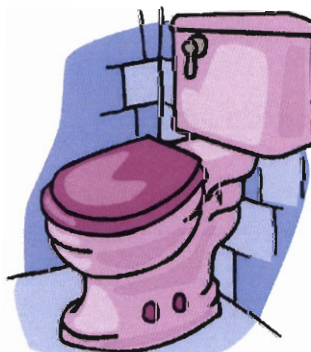


Is the landscape watered only when the plants really need water? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Make sure you are not watering too often for too long a time. If water is running off you are watering too long.

Do you use a kitchen timer if you do not have a timed irrigation system? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Set a kitchen timer when you water your shrubbery. Water in the early morning, or late evening, The water will not evaporate as fast when it is cooler.



Have all toilets been checked for leaks and worn out or bent parts? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Drop a few drops of food coloring into the water in the tank, not the bowl. Wait at least 10 minutes, if colored water seeps into the toilet bowl you have a leak. Flush as soon as possible after the test is done (food coloring may stain the tank).

Is the toilet being used as a waste-basket? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Extra toilet flushes can waste as much as 5 plus gallons each extra flush.

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Are washing machines and dishwashers used only with full loads?

- Yes  
 No

Wait until loads are full. This saves water and energy. A front loading washing machine uses less water than top-loaders. Front-loaders may be more expensive to purchase but will save on water and energy in the long run. Fill your dishwasher—a dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or just partially full.



Do you know the location of your water shut-off valve?

- Yes  
 No

The shut-off valve is usually found on the same line as the pressure regulator.

Do you know the location of your water pressure regulator?

- Yes  
 No

If your water pressure fluctuates, check the pressure regulator, it may need to be replaced. To increase pressure turn screw to the RIGHT, to decrease pressure turn screw to the LEFT.



Are your walkways and driveways hosed off for cleaning?

- Yes  
 No

Use a broom instead of water to remove debris from driveways and walkways.

Do your hoses have shut-off nozzles to control the flow of water?

- Yes  
 No

Outfit your hoses with a shut-off nozzle which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed.



Do you have washers between spigots and water hoses to eliminate leaks?

- Yes  
 No

Washers between spigots and hoses and hoses and shut-off nozzles help stop leaks.

Do you leave your hose running unattended?

- Yes  
 No

Leaving hoses or sprinklers unattended can use up to 600 gallons of water in only a few hours.



Do you have drought resistant plants?

- Yes  
 No

Use desert plants in your landscaping—you will still have beautiful color and foliage but won't need all that water.

Do you have water thirsty plants grouped together, away from the un-thirsty plants?

- Yes  
 No

Group thirsty plants together so that you can water them all at the same time and not waste the water in areas that don't take as much water.

I have reviewed the water saving tips mentioned above with my son/daughter.



Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call our  
Water Conservation Office at 453-6660