

We ALL Can Use Water Wisely in the Garden

Here's How YOU Can Do Your Part

- **Mulch** plants to keep moisture in the soil and to prevent evaporation on hot days.
- **Watch the weather report** – plants need about 1 inch of water each week. If it rained enough, you probably don't need to water the garden.
- **Monitor the soil** – Dig down 1 to 6 inches to see if the soil is moist or dry before you water.

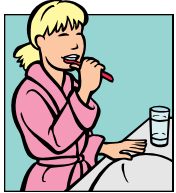


- **Water the roots** – Make a watering tube by cutting the bottom off a plastic bottle and inserting it, top down, into the soil. Pour water into the watering tube. This also stops soil from splashing onto plant leaves when you water and helps to prevent soil borne diseases from getting on your plants.
- If you have a **rain barrel**, use it! See www.nashville.gov/water for more information.

How You Can Use Water Wisely Inside Your House:

Stop water leaks! If a faucet leaks, fix it or turn off the water supply to that faucet until it can be fixed.

In the Bathroom – You use the most water in this room. Try these tips to reduce water use:



- **Brush your teeth using a cup of water** to wet your toothbrush instead of running the faucet.
- **Wash your face without running water** – splash your face before and after scrubbing. Turn off the water while soaping up.
- **Collect water in the shower** – Place a bucket under the shower

faucet while you are waiting for the water to get warm. Use the water on your garden!



In the Kitchen

- **Collect water in the sink** – Place a bowl under the faucet when you are rinsing off fruits and vegetables. Use the water on your garden!

**Together we can make a difference
and use water wisely!**

Thank You!

