

CONSERVE HORN BROOKS WATER

Water is always on our minds. We worry about it constantly, thinking “will we have enough?” and “what happens if we run out?”

Due to weather in the past season HCSD is requesting **all** to start an **immediate Water Conservation**. **Water conservation can go a long way to help alleviate these impending shortages.**

1. Check your toilet for leaks.

Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that may be wasting more than 100 gallons of water a day.

2. Stop using your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.

Every cigarette butt or tissue you flush away also flushes away five to seven gallons of water.

3. Put a plastic bottle in your toilet tank.

Put an inch or two of sand or pebbles in the bottom of a one liter bottle to weigh it down. Fill the rest of the bottle with water and put it in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanism. In an average home, the bottle may save five gallons or more of water every day without harming the efficiency of the toilet.

4. Take shorter showers.

Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rise off.

5. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.

They are easy to install, and your showers will still be cleansing and refreshing.

6. Take baths

A partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.

7. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

Before brushing, wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing your mouth.

8. Turn off the water while shaving.

9. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.

Even a small drip can waste 50 or more gallons of water a day.

10. Use your automatic dishwasher for full loads only.

11. Use your automatic washing machine only for full loads.

12. Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables.

Rinse your vegetables instead in a bowl or sink full of clean water.

13. Keep drinking water in the refrigerator.

This puts a stop to the wasteful practice of running tap water to cool it for drinking

14. If you wash dishes by hand, do not leave the water running for rinsing.

If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, first gather all your washed dishes in a dish rack, then rinse them quickly with a spray device or a pan of water.

15. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.

Leaks waste water 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An inexpensive washer is usually enough to stop them.

16. Water your lawn only when it needs it.

Step on some grass. If it springs back up when you move your foot, it doesn't need water.

17. Water during the cool parts of the day.

Early morning is better than dusk since it helps prevent the growth of fungus. Position your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden, not in areas where it does no good. Avoid watering on windy days.

18. Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.

Many beautiful trees and plants thrive without irrigation.

19. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.

Mulch slows the evaporation of moisture.

20. Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and steps.

21. Don't run the hose while washing your car Use a hose only to rinse it off.

22. Tell your children not to play with the hose and sprinklers.

Unfortunately, this practice is extremely wasteful of precious water and should be discouraged.

23. Check for leaks in pipes, hoses faucets and couplings.

Leaks outside the house are easier to ignore since they don't mess up the floor or keep you awake at night. However, they can be even more wasteful than inside water leaks especially when they occur on your main water line.

Doing as many of these items on this list will help our community conserve our supply of water.

If anyone has any questions regarding how to conserve water in Hornbrook you can

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