

**FLIES IN YOUR
GARBAGE
CAN?**

**Wash can
thoroughly, let
dry in sun, then
sprinkle dry laundry
soap in the bottom.**



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**YOU DUMP IT,
YOU DRINK IT!**

**Do not pour
automotive
waste,
household cleaning
products, fertilizers, or
pesticides into storm
drains, streams, rivers, or
on the street or sidewalk.
They eventually reach
local streams, rivers,
ponds and lakes.**



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**COMPOST
ORGANIC
WASTE . . .**

**Make your
own
natural
fertilizer.**

**Compost your leaves,
grass and most food
waste instead of
sending them to the
landfill.**



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USE HAND TOOLS IN YARD

**Use lawn
rakes, push
mowers and hand
edgers
whenever
possible.**

**This will improve the look of
your property without
polluting your air.**



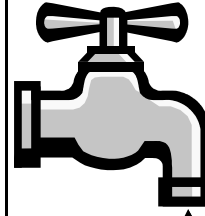
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BE WATER WISE

An average-size roof connected to a rain barrel can supply 4,000 gallons of clean water for plants from April through August.



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A dripping faucet can waste between 300 and 4,000 gallons of water per month. Repair those leaks—save water and money!

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LAWN & GARDEN TIP

Trickle or drip garden irrigation systems can use 80% to 90% less water than the hose or sprinkler methods. Xeriscaping is one of the most popular and water-efficient forms of landscaping.

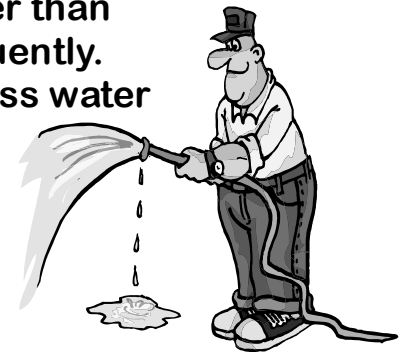


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Water your lawn in early morning or late evening to avoid evaporation. It is much better to water slowly and thoroughly rather than frequently.

Excess water just runs off.



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USE LESS STUFF

Buy reusable alkaline batteries (with no toxic cadmium or mercury) and a battery charger, preferably solar-powered. If not, save batteries for a household pollutant collection.



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USE LESS STUFF

Use durable products rather than disposable. Using 1,000 throwaway plastic teaspoons consumes over 10 times more energy and natural resources than making one stainless steel teaspoon and washing it 1,000 times.



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DON'T BAG IT!

For a healthy lawn, mow before the grass is overgrown, remove no more than one-third of the leaf height and leave clippings on the lawn. (Clippings do NOT cause thatch, but they do take up a lot of space if they are bagged and sent to the landfill.)



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RECYCLE ALUMINUM

You can make 20 aluminum cans from recycled materials with the same energy it takes to make one can from raw materials. The primary ingredient in aluminum is bauxite ore, mined primarily in the rainforest.



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