Water Sense

I Resolve to Save Water in 2019!

I will celebrate the new year and resolve to save water throughout 2019, by taking the "I'm for Water pledge" at www.epa.gov/watersense/pledge. To uphold my pledge, I will check off one or more simple steps each month to save water for myself, my family, Charlottesville, and future generations.



January 2019

- I'm taking the <u>"I'm for Water" pledge</u> and making a commitment to save water all year long. I'll start by picking up my **FREE** <u>indoor</u> <u>conservation kit</u> at the Office of Utility Billing at City Hall.
- I will examine my household water use this year and learn some <u>simple</u> <u>steps to save water at home</u>.



February 2019

- I will use the <u>WaterSense Calculator</u> to estimate how much water, energy, and money I can save by installing WaterSense labeled fixtures & using <u>Charlottesville's \$100 WaterSense Toilet Rebate</u> (up to 3 toilets).
- I will <u>replace my showerhead</u> with a WaterSense labeled model for an inexpensive, water-saving "bath hack" and pick one up for **FREE** at City Hall.



March 2019

- I will celebrate <u>Fix a Leak Week</u> March 18 through 24 by checking if my family's winter water use is more than 12,000 gallons per month and use my <u>Detect and Chase Down Leaks Checklist</u>.
- I will check for toilet leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, and <u>replace any old, worn flappers</u> if color appears in the bowl.



April 2019

- This Earth Day, I will get and twist on a FREE WaterSense labeled bathroom faucet aerator to save water and energy without feeling a difference in flow (pick up at Office Utility Billing in City Hall).
- I will pursue a <u>better bathroom</u> that features high-performing WaterSense labeled products that fit my style and save water too!



May 2019

- To do a little <u>sprinkler spruce-up</u> this spring, I will inspect, connect, and direct my irrigation system to save water this summer.
- Come check out our first annual **Rivanna Riverfest on May 11th** including our Fix a Leak Family 5K, at its new park-to-park route: Riverview to Darden Towe.



June 2019

- I will check out the trillions of gallons and billions of dollars saved by WaterSense labeled products and homes since 2006!
- I will save on WaterSense labeled products when I use the WaterSense Rebate Finder to locate an incentive program in my area.



July 2019 I will install a rain barrel to water my plants and utilize the \$30 rebate (up to 2 rain barrels per water account). I will read the WaterSense microirrigation homeowner guide to learn how this technique uses up to 50 percent less water than other irrigation methods. August 2019 I will use my Back to School List: Water Conservation Edition when getting myself or kids ready to go back to school. I will celebrate World Water Week by taking shorter showers with one of our shower timers and shower better! September 2019 I will start planning my water-smart landscape for next year by checking out tips on what to plant that is native to my region. I will spread mulch on my garden to reduce evaporation, inhibit weed growth, moderate soil temperature, and prevent erosion. October 2019 I will take action to save water AND energy this Energy Action Month by only running my dishwasher when it is full. I will check out the WaterSense Partners of the Year who are making the world better together by saving water for future generations. November 2019 I will take control of my irrigation controller and adjust its schedule for the cooler weather and reduce unnecessary watering. I will scrape leftover food off dishes instead of rinsing to save water when cleaning up after our Thanksgiving feast. December 2019 I will use the WaterSense Product Search tool to find and give the gift of water look for savings to the home renovator on my holiday shopping list. I will recommit to saving water in 2020 by taking the "I'm for Water" pledge and making small changes every month throughout the year.

For more ideas about saving water, visit the WaterSense website or follow us on social media.

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