



Energy & Water Management Program's Fall Focus

New School Year, New Commitment to Save Energy and Water!

The City's Energy and Water Management Team is back again for another school year to help us reach our energy and water saving goals at school! Whether we are at school or at home this fall, their tips and messages are important to follow.

How did you save energy and water this summer?

As a reminder of why we are doing this, **energy and water are essential resources** we need to use every day; **however, they also require a lot of effort including money and hard work** to make into electricity for our lights or clean, safe water to drink. In addition, the **overuse of these resources can have bad impacts on our environment**, even here in Charlottesville. So, let's start the school year with a new commitment to save when we can by following some of these important tips and actions we learned last year.

TIPS

- **Only Use What You Need:** Turn off the lights and faucet when you are done!
- **If You See Something, Say Something:** Report a water leak or an open door to an adult.
- **Reduce Our Energy and Water Waste:** Use a reusable water bottle and unplug electronics when not in use.



ACTIVITY Check out these two activities put together by the Energy and Water Management Team. Pick your favorite or do both! Share your work on how you are saving energy and water with your iSTEM teacher and your family!

ACTIVITY 1: BRING YOUR VOICE TO THE VALUE OF ENERGY AND WATER

Write a poem, song, or short narrative (or make a drawing) on why YOU value energy and water.

Optional: Record yourself reading your creation or take a picture of it, and then share it on social media with us by tagging @CvilleSchools and use the hashtag: #CCSEnergyWater!

ACTIVITY 2: MAKE A MORNING ROUTINE TO SAVE ENERGY AND WATER

Think about all the things you do that use energy and water in the morning before you start learning. Come up with a ****NEW**** Routine that incorporates energy and water saving actions!

1. First write out all the steps you do in the morning under Normal Routine.
2. Then rewrite these steps that add good energy and water saving practices to that step or add a new step under Energy & Water Saving Routine.
3. Check off when you do the Energy & Water Saving Routine step as your ***New*** Normal Routine!

NORMAL ROUTINE	ENERGY AND WATER SAVING ROUTINE
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EXAMPLES OF ENERGY AND WATER SAVING ROUTINES



- *I brush my teeth but make sure I turn the water off while brushing.*
- *Before I have breakfast, I turn off and unplug my electronics and video game console.*
- *I decide what I want to eat for breakfast before opening the fridge.*
- *I hang up my towel after my shower to use tomorrow instead of having to wash it.*

Now that you have your new routine each morning, you are ready to make this be your normal routine.