Save Water at Home

Circle the water-saving activities that your family does.
Put a square around activities that your family wants to begin doing.

- Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
- Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
- Take shorter showers. Five minutes or less is best.
- Install new toilets that use less than 1.28 gallons per flush.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose when washing cars.
- Use plants that require less water than a lawn.
- Get an Energy Star labeled washing machine.
- Turn off the water while soaping hands and brushing teeth.
- Wash only full loads.
- Put faucet aerators on sink faucets.
- Use a low-flow showerhead.
- Turn off sink faucet while scrubbing dishes and pots.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walkways.

Your idea

Santa Cruz County Water Fact

Agriculture uses 60% of the County’s water budget. Farmers use a variety of techniques, such as drip irrigation and mulching, to reduce their water use. We can use these same techniques in our gardens.