



Pledge to Conserve Water and Reduce Water Pollution

Conserving water and preventing water pollution saves natural resources and keeps our water clean. Did you know that conserving water also helps to curb climate change? It takes energy to pump, heat and treat the water we use, so the less water we use, the fewer greenhouse gas emissions we produce.

*Commit to at least **three** activities and return this signed pledge to your teacher or Green Team advisor.*

I pledge to conserve water and prevent water pollution in my school and at home. I will:

- Turn off faucets or other water sources when not in use, and use water sparingly or wisely for classroom projects and assignments.
- Tell a custodian, teacher, or other staff if I see a leaky faucet, a running toilet, or standing water that should not be there.
- Join or start a school “water patrol” - a group of students who spot check school areas to identify leaky faucets, running toilets, etc. and then inform custodians so they can be fixed.
- Share with my family or community a few ways to conserve water at home, such as turning off the faucet when brushing teeth or soaping hands, taking shorter showers, and running the dishwasher or clothes washer only with full loads.
- Teach a friend why it is important to conserve water and share tips on how to conserve water.
- Bring a reusable water bottle from home instead of using a single-use plastic bottle. *This conserves the water from another watershed in the world and also reduces use of plastic bottles.*
- Plant a rain garden or a tree at school or at home to help prevent water pollution.
- Find out where my school or home water comes from and where it ends up after it goes down the drain – and share that information with my class or my family.
- To protect water quality, pick up pet waste and place it in the trash.

Student name _____ Date _____