



## Sample Announcements about Conserving Water and Preventing Pollution

Share these announcements over the school's PA system, and at assemblies, in the lunchroom, and in classrooms. During a one-week campaign, one announcement can be shared each day. Or schools may use the announcements periodically throughout the school year and place them in school newsletters.

### Monday

\_\_\_\_\_ School (*insert name of school*) conserves water! Conserving water means using water when we need it and not using it when we don't.

Did you know the average American uses between 80 to 100 gallons of water each day? People in other countries use less water. For example, on average the Germans and French use only 55 to 60 gallons daily.

Paying attention to the water we use saves money and protects our environment.

- Look for new signs near sinks in your classroom and in bathrooms reminding you to turn off the water when not in use.
- Turning off the faucet while soaping up your hands will save 20 cups of water in one minute.

Thank you for being water smart and for conserving our water!

### Tuesday

\_\_\_\_\_ School (*insert name of school*) conserves water!

- If you see water coming from an unused faucet, make sure the tap is turned off.
- Tell a custodian or teacher if you see or hear a leaky faucet, a running toilet, or a puddle that should not be there.
  - Fixing a leaky sink can save up to 3,000 gallons of water each year.
  - A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water every day.

Please be water smart! Report leaks and turn off faucets after use.

Thanks for saving water!

### **Wednesday**

\_\_\_\_\_ School (*insert name of school*) conserves natural resources by recycling, conserving energy, and reducing water use.

You also can reduce water use at home. Here's how:

- Keep your shower to less than five minutes and save up to 1,000 gallons of water each month.
- When you turn off the water while you brush your teeth, you can save four gallons of water per minute.

Thanks for being water smart at home and at school.

### **Thursday**

\_\_\_\_\_ School (*insert name of school*) conserves and protects our water!

We must share our water with other living things in our watershed like fish and trees. Throwing garbage on the ground can pollute the rivers and streams and harm our environment.

How can you help?

- Be sure your trash makes it into a garbage bin.
- And make sure that you recycle paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, and other recyclable materials. Making new products from recyclable materials conserves and protects water.
  - Every ton of paper made from recycled materials saves about 7,000 gallons of water.
  - When a glass bottle is recycled, 50 percent less water pollution is produced than when a new glass bottle is made from raw materials.

Thanks for protecting our water by not littering and for conserving our water by recycling!

### **Friday**

\_\_\_\_\_ School (*insert name of school*) conserves water, energy, and other natural resources! Did you know that Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic water bottles every hour?

- Plastic bottles can be recycled into rugs, swimming goggles, back packs, skateboard wheels, and ski jackets. So be sure to recycle your empty water bottles instead of throwing them in the trash.
- Better yet, bring a reusable water bottle to school to reduce even more waste. Using a refillable bottle saves money, energy, and our precious natural resources.

Help conserve natural resources in five seconds each day! That's how long it takes to fill your reusable water bottle. Thanks for reducing waste, recycling, and conserving water and energy.

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