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# Water Wise

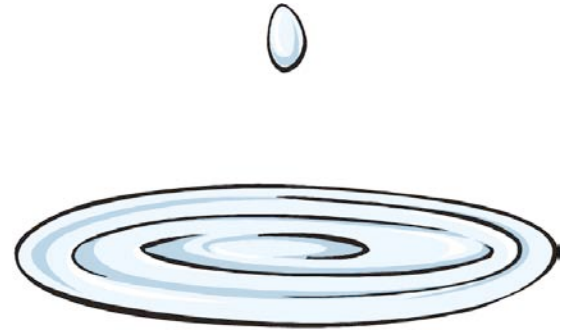
Learn facts about water conservation.

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Does 400 gallons of water sound like a lot to you? That is how much water the average American family of four uses each day! That is enough water for ten baths! But there are a lot of ways we can save water. When you try to save something, it is called **conservation**.

Why do we need to conserve our water? Less than one percent of all of the water on Earth is drinkable. The rest of the water is either salt water or frozen solid in glaciers. As the population of the Earth grows, we have to be more careful about how much water we use.

How can we save water? There are many simple things you can do. Just by turning the water off while brushing your teeth in the morning and at night, you can save up to 200 gallons of water a month. You can save the same amount just by fixing a leaky toilet. Or take a shower instead of a bath. That saves around 50 gallons of water. When washing a car or bike, fill a bucket instead of running the hose. A hose can waste six gallons of water a minute if it's left running.



1. How much of Earth's water is drinkable?

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2. How much water does a family of four use each day?

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3. Why do we need to conserve water?

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4. List three things you can do to save water.

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