



In DuPage County, the average person uses 106 gallons of water each day¹ as compared with the national average of 100 gallons per person per day. Approximately 69% of this water is used inside the home for daily tasks².

Do you know how much water we use for daily tasks? Complete the Water Quiz to see how much water you use. Identify ways you can reduce your use today. Check out the Indoor and Outdoor Water Use Pamphlets for ideas on how to reduce your use.

Water Conservation Pledge

Did you know there is as much water in the world today as there was thousands of years ago?

Actually it is the same water. Only 3% of the earth's water is fresh and less than one third of 1% of this fresh water is available for human use. The remainder of the world's fresh water is frozen in glaciers or polar ice caps or deep within the earth.

Citizens and businesses in DuPage County get their water from either Lake Michigan or from aquifers. The Great Lakes are the largest system of fresh, surface water on earth, containing roughly 18% of the world fresh water supply. Communities not served by Lake Michigan obtain their water from aquifers which are being pumped so quickly that the water is being depleted faster than it can be replenished by rainfall. Both these sources of water are part of a bigger global water cycle and neither are unlimited supplies.

Water is a basic building block of life and as water users it is our responsibility to preserve the supply to meet the needs of both current and future DuPage County citizens. Conserving water is easier than you would think. By making simple changes in your daily life you can help save water, save energy and even save money.

Join DuPage County residents by making a water conservation pledge today.

¹ Summary of data from DWC and Illinois Department of Natural Resources .Data does not include unaccounted for flow values for Argonne or IAWC.

² Vickers, Amy. "Handbook of Water Use and Conservation" WaterPlow Press, 2001. Data based on average indoor use in a non-conserving home – 69.3 gallons per capita per day.



I pledge to Preserve Every Drop!

Water is a precious and valuable resource and is not mine to waste. I pledge to conserve water by:

Taking the pledge is simple:

- 1. Discuss with your family the changes you are willing to make.***
- 2. Check the boxes next to the activities you choose.***
- 3. Submit the form via mail or online with your completed information.***

For more information contact your local water utility or visit www.preserveeverydrop.com

In the Bathroom

- Decreasing my shower by two minutes.
- Turning off the faucet while washing my hands or face, brushing my teeth, and shaving.
- Repairing leaky toilets.

In the Kitchen

- Not running the tap continuously while washing dishes or produce.
- Running the dishwasher only on a full load and using the shortest cycle.
- Keeping a chilled pitcher of water in the fridge.

In the Laundry Room

- Running the washing machine only on a full load.
- Washing clothing less frequently.

Outside

- Watering the lawn early in the day to minimize evaporation.
- Using a rain gauge to avoid unnecessary watering after precipitation.
- Avoiding overwatering and watering the pavement if using a sprinkler.
- Using a broom instead of a hose to clean my driveway.
- Installing a rain barrel to capture rain water and reusing it for hand watering

Generally

- Turning off taps tightly to avoid drips.
- Installing low-flow aerators on all faucets.

Name: _____

Community: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail completed forms to community. For a list of communities and contact info click [here](#).