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CITY OF OXFORD
MAYOR'S HOME CONSERVATION TIPS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:
CHILDREN AND WATER CONSERVATION

Did you know that children can make a very big impact towards water conservation?

Why do we even need to know about conserving water? Water is a natural resource that we derive from the Earth; without it, we would not be able to live! Imagine a world with no water at all. No water to drink, to bathe, to swim in and so on. Without clean water, animals, birds and ocean life would also get sick and die. It doesn't sound very nice does it?

Although children don't work at large companies or for the government, they can still make a huge impact simply by starting at home and changing the way their families, friends and classmates use water.

5 ways kids of all ages can help save water:

- When you wash your hands, don't leave the water running. Wet your hands and turn the water off. Use soap and lather your hands well, then turn the water on to rinse. Turn off the water and make sure it is off completely. Be sure to tell the adults to do this to.
- Do the same when you brush your teeth. Turn the faucet on to get your toothbrush and toothpaste wet, and then again to rinse your mouth and toothbrush. Don't leave the water running while you're brushing.
- Tell adults when faucets are dripping. A dripping faucet can waste a lot of water, a faucet that drips one drop per second, would waste 27,000 gallons of water per year.
- Do you have plants in your house? When meals are prepared and vegetables or other fresh produce are washed, ask Mom or Dad if they can collect that water and let you use it to water the plants.
- Do you like a drink of cold water every now and then? Instead of running the kitchen faucet for several minutes to get cold water, ask Mom to put a pitcher of water in the refrigerator.

Even if you do just one thing each day to contribute to your home's water conservation, then you are doing the right thing and it will go a long way towards keeping our planet clean and green.

For more information on water conservation for children go to:

<http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/kids>

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