## 40 GALLON CHALLENGE



## WATER CONSERVATION PLEDGE: www.40gallonchallenge.org

Water conservation is an ever-growing concern for everyone. How can you make a difference to save water on a daily basis? Take the pledge below to contribute your part. Here are a few guidelines:

- Submit only one pledge per household
- · Check off only new practices or actions that you will do to save water
- Do not submit duplicate pledges

The information you submit today will go towards the running tally of water saved daily in the U.S. and Texas.

## What will you do to conserve water?

| INDOORS  | PLEDGE? | SAVEDDAILY  |
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| Run the dishwasher only when full  |         | 2 gallons   |
| Not leave water running while rinsing dishes                                   |         | 5 gallons   |
| Turn off water while brushing teeth (twice daily, per person)                  |         | 8 gallons   |
| Shorten showers by 2 minutes (once daily, per person)                          |         | 5 gallons   |
| Fill the bathtub half full while bathing (per person)                          |         | 18 gallons  |
| Not use the toilet as a wastebasket (once daily)                               |         | 2 gallons   |
| Wash only full loads of laundry and cut back by one load per week              |         | 5 gallons   |
| Fix a leaky faucet   |         | 15 gallons  |
| Fix a leaky toilet   |         | 30 gallons  |
| Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets (3 faucets) |         | 14 gallons  |
| Purchase a new, more efficient clothes washer                                  |         | 10 gallons  |
| Replace old, non-efficient toilet with new low-flush toilet (4 flushes daily)  |         | 8 gallons   |
| Replace old, non-efficient showerhead with low flow showerhead                 |         | 20 gallons  |
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| OUTDOORS (continues on back)   |         | SAVED DAILY |
| Make a compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal                      |         | 4 gallons   |
| Use a 55-gallon or larger rain barrel to capture rain water                    |         | 5 gallons   |
| Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks (twice/week)    |         | 22 gallons  |
| Water yard after midnight and before 10 a.m.                                   |         | 20 gallons  |
| Reduce irrigation station runtimes by 2 minutes                                |         | 80 gallons  |
| Eliminate one irrigation cycle per week  |         | 30 gallons  |
| Adjust sprinklers to reduce overspray onto sidewalks, driveways, etc.          |         | 20 gallons  |
| Repair at least one pipe leak or broken sprinkler head                         |         | 20 gallons  |

| Add mulch (2"-3") around trees and plants (1,000 sq. ft.)   |                  | 25 gallons |
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| Install water-efficient drip irrigation system  |                  | 20 gallons |
| Install a "smart irrigation controller" that adjusts for temperature and rain   |                  | 40 gallons |
| Use automatic car wash instead of hand washing cars   |                  | 18 gallons |
| Replace 1,000 sq. ft. of high water-use landscape with a low water-use landscape  |                  | 40 gallons |
| Repair at least one leak around pool or spa pump  |                  | 20 gallons |
| Repair any leaking hose bibs.   |                  | 20 gallons |
| Install a pool cover to reduce evaporation  |                  | 30 gallons |
| Install spa cover to reduce evaporation   |                  | 5 gallons  |
| Please provide the following information. Items marked with an * are required.  COUNTY:*  Email address:  Your email address will only be used for the following items with your permission.  May we send you a follow-up survey?  Send me an email reminder of my pledged activities.  How many people are in your household?* | Total g<br>saved |            |