



### **Water: A Limited Resource**

It is estimated that more than 1.4 billion people live in areas of high or extremely high water vulnerability. At our current rate of consumption, things will only get worse and by 2025, 2/3 of the world's population may face water shortage and Ecosystems around the world will suffer.

We can help conserve by:

1. Take shorter showers. A typical shower uses 5 to 10 gallons of water a minute. Limit showers to the time it takes to soak up, wash and rinse off.
2. Install water saving showerheads which will cut the flow to about 3 gallons per minute.
3. Take baths. A partially filled tub will use less water than all but the shortest showers.
4. Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving.
5. Check faucets for leaks. Even a small drip can waste 50 or more gallons of water a day.
6. Use dishwasher and washing machines for full loads.
7. Keep a container of water in the refrigerator. This stops the wasteful practice of running tap water to cool for drinking.
8. Plant drought resistant trees and plants.
9. Don't over water your lawn and install rain sensors on irrigation systems.
10. Install a rain barrel for outdoor watering.

Even though 70% of our planet is covered by water, only 3% is freshwater and 2/3 of that is tucked away in frozen glaciers or otherwise unavailable for our use. We need to treasure this life-giving resource and conserve where we are able.

*Submitted by your Environmental Action Committee*