



What can YOU do to Conserve Water?

- Ensure that all internal piping and plumbing facilities, such as toilet cisterns and pipe lines, are functioning properly;
- Reduce - and desist when possible - the number of times in which you use piped water from the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) to wash your vehicle, concrete surfaces, and other possessions; and
- Install 'flow-valves' in water tanks to prevent overflows.



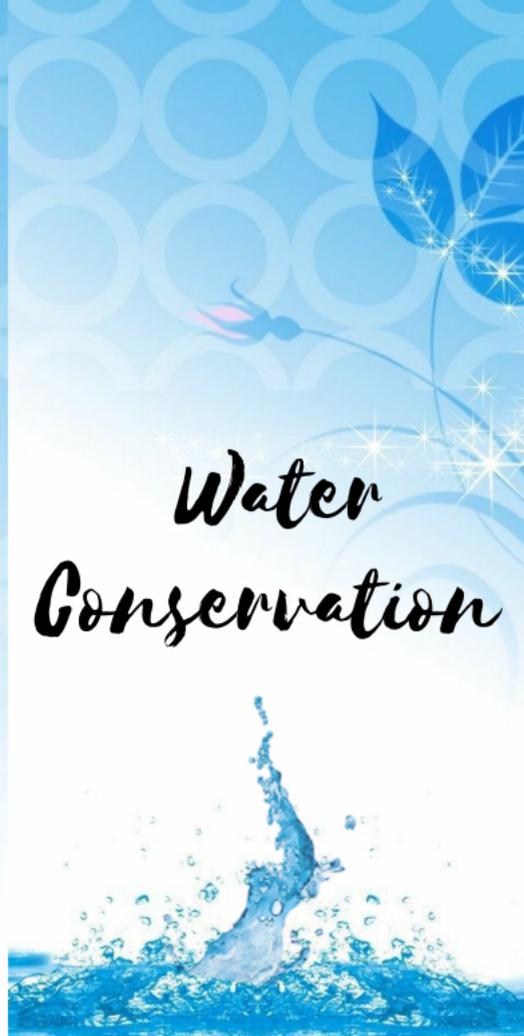
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Water Conservation



What is Water Conservation?

Water conservation is the practice of using water wisely to reduce wastage, for example, turning the tap off while drying dishes. It involves the control and improvement of both surface and ground water resources, as well as the avoidance of pollution. It is also the most eco-friendly way to reduce the demand for water.

Why is Water Conservation Important?

- Helps to meet increased demands of people with respect to domestic, industrial, and agricultural uses;
- Assists in reducing the threats to life and livelihoods during periods of droughts, particularly in the face of climate change; and
- Reduces the cost of water extraction and the amount of energy needed to make the resource available from underground and other sources.

Some Threats to Water Supply

- Over-extraction and unnecessary use of water;
- Careless dumping of chemicals and other pollutants in waterways;
- Use of agricultural chemicals to increase food production; and
- Natural disasters, such as floods and droughts.

Steps that can be taken to Improve Water Conservation

Regulatory Bodies

- Enforce regulations aimed at water conservation;
- Implement education and awareness programmes about the necessity to and value of conserving water resources; and

- Provide incentives, such as tax rebates, to companies that engage in sound water resource use and management practices.

Water Users

- Mobilize local population to observe and report negative activities of companies and industries with respect to the use of water resources;
- Organize local events that respond to deforestation, pollution, and poor agricultural and industrial practices that affect water supply and quality; and
- Form water-users association so that collective and responsible use of water resources is promoted to support water conservation measures.