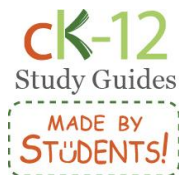


Conserving Water



Why Conserve?

- Water conservation is the reduction of water consumption. Saving water conserves energy, resources, and money.
- Clean water supply is finite. Of all the Earth's water 97% is undrinkable.
- Saving water makes it more available for the future.

Study Tip

Think of saving water as saving money. There is only a finite supply, so spending it sparingly can extend the time you have water (money) so you can spend it when you need to.

Impact on the Environment

- Leaves more for other people to use.
- Reduces the financial costs required to treat water.
- Reduces pollution that is released in the production of treated water.



How to Conserve Water

- The amount of water society uses can be reduced if financial incentives are given.
- Avoid polluting water so that less is needed.
- Use more efficient irrigation methods on farms and gardens.
- Reduce household demand by installing water-saving devices such as low-flow showerheads.
- Individuals can engage in many different water-saving practices.

Concept Check

- What are some ways we can conserve water?
- Why is conserving water important?