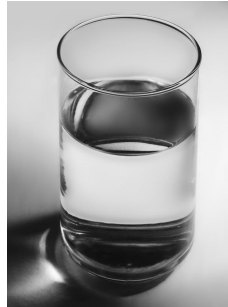


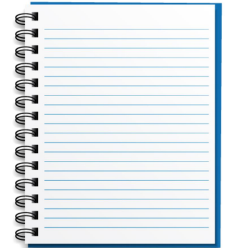
Importance of Water Conservation

Our Earth is about 71% water. Of that percentage, about 97% is salt water and 3% is fresh water. Because we cannot increase the amount of fresh water, it is important that we conserve as much as we can.

For 1 week, you and your child will keep a record of the water you use each day. You can use estimates as you record. Include things such as using water for cooking, showering, using the restroom, drinking, and so on.



At the end of each day, compare your water usage with your child's. Then, compare your records at the end of 1 week.



Discuss the following questions with your child:

- During which daily activities do you use the greatest amount of water?
- What are some ways you could decrease your water usage each day? How could you do it?
- If everyone conserved the amount of water they use, how could this help our planet?

Conserving water is something we should all strive to do on a daily basis. The process of taking salt out of water (desalination) is very expensive and is not a common practice. We need, therefore, to save as much fresh water as we can so there is enough for future generations.