# Pledge to Save Water All **Year in 2026!**



Make 2026 the year of water savings by taking the "I'm for Water" pledge at www.epa.gov/ watersense/im-water-pledge. To keep your resolution and save water, energy, and money, check out these simple steps each month.

## January 2026

- I will learn how much water our family uses each month by learning how to read my water bill.
- I will learn more about how we use water to better understand ways to save throughout the year.



## February 2026

- I will care for my home by using the WaterSense Maintenance Checklist to find ways to keep fixtures, features, and systems from wasting water.
- I will only run my clothes washer when I have a full load and skip extra rinse cycles to save water.

#### **March 2026**

- I will celebrate Fix a Leak Week March 16 through 22 by checking the faucets in my home for drips and repairing leaks.
- On World Water Day (March 22), I will check my garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot.

# Look for leaky trouble. 0

# April 2026

- I will give my irrigation system a Sprinkler Spruce-Up and go with a pro if I need help with maintenance.
- I will make sure all my sprinkler heads are facing towards my landscape and away from pavement to reduce water waste.



# **May 2026**

- I will add <u>mulch</u> to my flower beds and around trees to reduce evaporation and allow soil to retain water longer.
- I will choose <u>drought-tolerant plants</u> that require little extra water aside from normal rainfall when adding to my landscape.

#### Be water-smart when you add to your cart. Pick drought-tolerant plants native to your reg



#### **June 2026**

- When watering my lawn, I will only water in the morning or evening to avoid the warmer temperatures that cause evaporation.
- If I own a pool, I will review the WaterSense pool water efficiency guide to make sure my pool is ready for warmer weather and avoid water waste.





# **July 2026** During Smart Irrigation Month, I will consider installing an irrigation controller to make sure I am only watering my landscape when needed. If I have an in-ground irrigation system, I will try the <u>cycle-and-soak</u> method to keep water in my landscape and reduce overwatering. August 2026 I will check with my water utility to see if my area is in drought and follow drought, be a H,ERO and let any directions they provide to save water. your lawn go less than lush If my area is experiencing dry weather conditions, I will skip watering my lawn for a day to save water for critical community needs. September 2026 I will practice <u>saving water</u> every day by turning off the tap while brushing my teeth, shaving, or washing my face. I will only run my clothes washer when there is a full load to save water. October 2026 During Energy Awareness Month, I will learn about the <u>drops-to-watts</u> connection so I can save water AND energy. I will celebrate Shower Better Month by skipping the bathtub and taking Make the a quick shower instead to save water and energy while bathing. Drops to Watts - &-Connection November 2026 I will make sure my irrigation system is programmed correctly to prepare for the cooler temperatures. On World Toilet Day (Nov. 19), I will place a few drops of food coloring in my toilet tanks to test for <u>leaks</u> and replace the flapper if needed. December 2026 I will scrape leftover food into the trash instead of rinsing plates and will only run the dishwasher when full. I will resolve to save water in 2027 by renewing my "I'm for Water" pledge.

For more ideas about saving water, visit the WaterSense website at www.epa.gov/watersense.

