

Water-Saving Tips for the Princeton Student

Did you know?

- Princeton uses about 237,460,000 gallons of water each year! ¹ In 5 years, that's enough to fill up Lake Carnegie 4 times! ²
- An open tap wastes approximately five gallons of water in just two minutes.



Water conservation: what can you do?

- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth, shaving, or shampooing or conditioning your hair.
- Resist the urge to turn on the tap full blast.
- Take shorter showers. Don't run the water before getting into the shower.
- Only wash full loads of laundry. Use front-loading washers in buildings where they are available (Little, Blair).
- Report leaky faucets, toilets, or showers to Building Services at 8-8000

Why should you care?³

- In all, only one one-hundredth of 1% of the world's total water supply is easily accessible for human use
- By 2025, 48 countries are expected to face water shortages, affecting more than 2.8 billion people
- In the U.S., groundwater is being used up 25% faster than it's being replenished



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