



## Student and Family Pledge to Save Water

Sit down with your family members and discuss what you learned in class about how many of our everyday actions use a lot of water. Then, as a group, read over the following tips to help you use water more efficiently and check off which ones you are all willing to do. After you are done, each family member must sign the pledge at the bottom and record the date. Thank you for helping to save water!

- Purchase WaterSense labeled products like faucets, toilets, and showerheads, which use 20% less water than standard fixtures
- Water your yard before 10 AM or after 4 PM so water isn't wasted due to evaporation
- Don't leave the faucet running while brushing your teeth or washing the dishes
- Take quick showers, under 10 minutes, and don't take baths
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until water is cold
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin and use a brush instead of letting the faucet run
- Thaw foods in the refrigerator overnight instead of running them under water
- Scrape dishes, instead of rinsing, before putting them in the dishwasher
- Repair leaks in faucets, toilets and outdoor hoses and irrigation systems
- Grass doesn't need to be bright green year round and cutting back on watering will reduce stress on the local water supply
- Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation systems for your plants
- Install moisture/rain sensors on sprinkler systems
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing them off

- Reduce your meat consumption and go meatless once a week
- Wash your car with a bucket of water or use a commercial car wash that recycles water
- Consider landscaping with plants that require less water and are better suited to your local climate, like native plants, which also provide food and habitat for wildlife
- Use a rain barrel to capture rain water that can be used for irrigation
- Use mulch around plants to reduce evaporation from the soil as well as weed growth
- If you leave grass longer when mowing the longer grass blades help to shade each other, reduce evaporation and inhibit weed growth
- Cover your pool to reduce evaporation when it is not in use
- Use reusable water bottles and containers for lunch instead of disposable or recyclable ones
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing our names below, we pledge to save water by conducting the activities checked above.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_