



My 2020 Vision for Saving Water

I will celebrate the new year and focus on saving water throughout 2020, by taking the “I’m for Water pledge” at www.epa.gov/watersense/pledge. To uphold my pledge, I will check off one or more simple steps each month to save water for myself, my family, Charlottesville, and future generations.



January 2020

- I took the [“I’m for Water” pledge](#) and am making a clear commitment to stay focused on saving water throughout 2020.
- I will take the first step toward reducing my water use by learning how to [understand my household water bill](#).



February 2020

- I will use the [product search tool](#) to find WaterSense labeled fixtures to enhance the look and performance of my bathroom and install a [WaterSense labeled showerhead \(pick up for FREE at City Hall\)](#).
- I will turn off the tap while I brush my teeth and reduce my shower time by one minute to [save even more water](#) in the bathroom.



March 2020

- I will celebrate [Fix a Leak Week](#) by [checking my water meter](#) before and after a two-hour period when no water is used to see if it changes.
- I will be a leak detective and use this checklist to [Detect and Chase Down Leaks](#) in my home.



April 2020

- This Earth Day, I will twist on a [FREE WaterSense labeled bathroom faucet aerator](#) to save water without feeling a difference in flow (pick up at City Hall).
- I will be [water smart outside](#) and plant native, low-water-using plants in my landscape and [only water my lawn when needed](#).



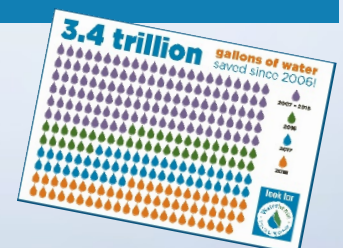
May 2020

- For Sprinkler Spruce-Up season, I will [inspect, connect, direct, and select](#) my watering system to ensure it doesn't waste water.
- I will check out [Rivanna RiverFest on May 3rd](#), which includes the [Fix a Leak Family 5K](#) where I will stop that running toilet along to the Rivanna River!



June 2020

- I will check out the [water, energy, and utility bill savings](#) that WaterSense labeled products helped consumers and businesses achieve in 2019!
- I will [look for local rebates](#) when selecting WaterSense labeled fixtures for my home and pick up a [FREE indoor water conservation kit](#)!



July 2020

- I will avoid [watering my landscape](#) in the middle of the day when temperatures are highest to cut down on evaporation and water waste.
- I will [mulch around plants](#) in my landscape to inhibit weed growth and prevent evaporation after watering.



August 2020

- I will use the [Back to School List: Water Conservation Edition](#) when getting myself or kids ready to go back to school.
- I will celebrate [World Water Week](#) by only washing full loads of laundry.



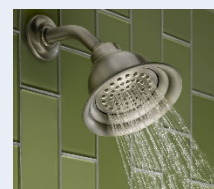
September 2020

- I will do my homework and [calculate how much I can save](#) by switching to WaterSense labeled products (and check out [Cville's Rebates!](#)).
- When [selecting new plants](#) for my landscape this fall, I will choose local varieties that don't require supplemental watering and fertilizers.



October 2020

- I will celebrate Energy Action Month by swapping out my showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model to [save water and energy](#).
- I will [upgrade the look and performance](#) of my bathroom by installing a WaterSense labeled faucet—available in a variety of styles and prices.



November 2020

- I will [check my toilet](#) for leaks using a few drops of food dye and [replace the worn-out flapper](#) if needed.
- I will consider a [WaterSense labeled toilet](#) to replace my old, inefficient model to reduce water use by up to 60 percent and use [Charlottesville's WaterSense Toilet Rebate](#) (up to 3 toilets).



December 2020

- I will [save water](#) while cleaning up after holiday dinners by scraping dishes with leftover food into the trash (or compost) instead of rinsing them, and then only running the dishwasher when full.
- I will recommit to saving water in 2021 by taking the ["I'm for Water" pledge](#) and taking small steps every month.



For more ideas about saving water, visit the [WaterSense website](#) or follow us on social media.

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