Tips for YOU to help make EVERY DROP COUNT!

Indoor Tips

- Put aerators on faucets and repair leaks
- O Do only full loads of laundry/dishes
- \bigcirc 5 minute showers instead of baths
- Don't flush unused medications or vitamins
- Shut off the water while doing dishes or brushing teeth
- Upgrade toilets and faucets to water efficient models
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can
- Share your water conservation knowledge with neighbors, family, children and friends

Outdoor Tips

- Never water your lawn during midday
- \bigcirc Let your grass grow taller
- \bigcirc Use mulch around trees and plants
- Don't over fertilize lawns or gardens
- Wash your car on the grass instead of the driveway
- Dick up animal waste
- O Don't dump anything down storm drains
- Landscape your yard with water conserving plants to replace the turf

If you have any questions please feel free to contact SCIT Water Quality Staff at: 7070 E. Broadway
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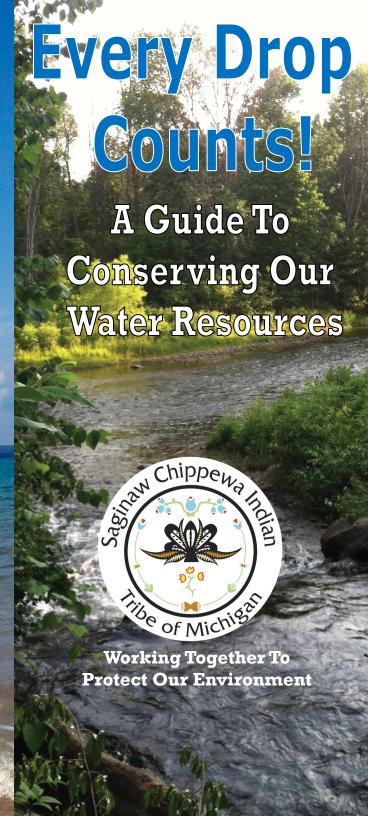
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Working Together To
Protect Our Environment





We have to take care of Aki (Mother Earth) or we will not have a home. We must all share in this responsibility. We need to make sure that Mother Earth and everything the Creator gave her will always be here for future generations. –Author Unknown

Help do your part to conserve, protect and respect our limited water resources for the NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS

Evaporation from Oceans, Lakes & Streams Groundwater Surface Runoff Credit: gpm.NASA.gov/education

Where is OUR

WATER?

All the water on Mother Earth falls into <u>TWO</u> categories:

Saltwater

Which makes up 97% of all water on Earth, but it takes a lot of energy and is very expensive to convert into:

Freshwater

Which makes up only 3% of all water on Earth. Humans need freshwater to survive!

For everyday use, Drinking Water
Plants all over the world harvest both
GROUNDWATER and SURFACE WATER!

Groundwater 30.1%

Surface Water 1.3%

Ice Caps and Glaciers 68.6%

The graph above shows where all the FRESHWATER on Earth is located. It is mostly found at the North and South Poles in the form of ice.

owhat is Groundwater?

It is water that is stored in vast quantities below our feet, but if it's used wastefully it can be depleted!

What is

Surface Water?

It is water that is found in our lakes, rivers, wetlands, soil, ice, and snow! It makes up only 1.3% of all freshwater, but when we overuse it, our lakes, rivers and wetlands can dry up forever!