

# Earth Day Calls for Wise Water Use

Earth Day 2010 is April 22. The [Conserve Georgia](http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net) website, a site which deserves a visit, provides links to agencies and organizations that participate in this annual observance recognizing our stewardship of the air, land, and water resources we ourselves depend upon, as well as our progeny.

*In reference to Water Conservation, the site conveys this point:*

**"Whether in a drought or not, it is imperative that Georgians make water conservation part of our daily lives. Properly managing our water use in all areas of our lives can help us all save time and money. It also helps ensure that we have a supply of safe drinking water now and in the future."**

According to  
[Conserve Water Georgia](http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net)...

- *Historically, Georgia experiences a drought that last three or more years every 40 years*
- *3 million people depend on water from Lake Lanier or direct releases from Buford Dam*
- *The average Georgian uses 100 gallons of water each day*
- *In the home, the bathroom uses more water than either the laundry or the kitchen*
- *Some water companies in Georgia offer rebates to customers who replace older toilets with new efficient ones*
- *More than half of all public water in the United States is used in homes*



If your toilet was made before 1993, you probably have an inefficient model that uses 3.5 gallons per flush. A family of four could save almost \$100 annually by installing a new model, \$2000 over the lifetime of the toilet. Some older toilets can leak at a rate of 200 gallons a day, which can add up to 73,050 gallons of water a year. To find out if you have a leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank. If the color shows in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

Another tip for reducing water use is to fix leaky faucets. Faucets can drip at a rate of one drop per second, wasting more than 3,000 gallons of water a year.

An initial check of your entire house can be easily made by reading your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.



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