



OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Take the 40-gallon challenge!

In addition to my existing water conservation practices or actions in the past, I pledge to:

Indoors	Daily Savings*	Check to pledge
Run the dishwasher only when full	2 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not leave water running while rinsing dishes	5 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turn off water while brushing teeth (twice daily)	8 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shorten showers by 2 minutes (once daily)	5 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fill the bathtub half full while bathing	18 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not use the toilet as a wastebasket (once daily)	2 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wash only full loads of laundry and cut back by one load per week	5 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fix a leaky faucet	15 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fix a leaky toilet	30 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets (3)	14 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchase a new, more efficient clothes washer	10 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replace old, non-efficient toilet with low-flush toilet (4 flushes daily)	8 gallons	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoors	Daily Savings*	Check to pledge
Make a compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal	4 gallons	
Use a 55-gallon rain barrel to capture rain water for watering landscape/garden	5 gallons	
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks (twice weekly)	22gallons	
Water yard after midnight and before 10 am	20 gallons	
Reduce overwatering by reducing irrigation cycles by 2 minutes (5 irrigation stations, watering three times weekly)	80 gallons	
Reduce overwatering by eliminating one irrigation cycle per week	30 gallons	
Adjust sprinklers to reduce overspray onto sidewalks, driveways, etc.	20 gallons	
Repair pipe leak or broken sprinkler head (1)	20 gallons	
Add mulch (2"-3") around trees and plants (1,000 sq ft)	25 gallons	
Install water-efficient drip irrigation system	20 gallons	
Install a "smart irrigation controller" that adjusts for temperature and precipitation	40 gallons	
Use automatic car wash that recycles water instead of hand washing cars (weekly)	18 gallons	
Replace part of my lawn or high water-use plants with native or drought tolerant plants (1,000 sq ft)	40 gallons	
Repair any leaks around pool or spa pumps (1)	20 gallons	
Repair any leaking hose bibs	20 gallons	
Install a pool cover to reduce evaporation	30 gallons	
Install a spa cover to reduce evaporation	5 gallons	

*Actual water savings from these actions depends on a number of factors, including a household's water pressure, number of residents, age/efficiency of plumbing devices, size of landscapes and irrigation systems, personal behaviors, etc. These daily estimates for an average household are provided solely as educational guideline to help the public understand and appreciate the potential of these actions to help the region save water.

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Total Savings Pledged: _____ Gallons Per Day

Full name: _____

Age: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return to County Extension office: _____