

Water Wasters Answer Key

Bathroom

1. **Sink water faucet running:** It's easy to save water by turning it off while you're brushing your teeth!
2. **Shower water running:** Be sure you are ready to get into the shower before turning on the water.

Kitchen

3. **Sprinklers are on in the rain:** If your family has automatic sprinklers that don't sense moisture, make sure someone understands how to turn them off during wet weather. Turn sprinklers on during warm, dry weather.
4. **Sink faucet is dripping:** If you see a faucet that is dripping, tell an adult or someone in your family. Fixing a dripping faucet will save water from being wasted. *<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/sc4.html>
5. **Bottled water on the table:** Unless you know your water isn't safe to drink, drinking tap water or water from the faucet is cheaper than drinking from plastic bottles and does save water. Even though some plastic bottles can be recycled, they are usually made from chemicals like oil. Making new bottles requires a lot of energy and water.
*http://thewaterproject.org/bottled_water_wasteful.asp
6. **Bucket of chicken on the table:** We need water to grow fruits and vegetables, but animals raised for food need water too. About 25 gallons of water is needed for just 1 pound of chicken! That's a LOT of water that could be used to grow healthy fruits and vegetables! Can you imagine eating chicken when you know how much water it wastes? Eating chicken isn't friendly to the chickens or the environment, and chicken farms contaminate the water supply with all of their poop too!
*<http://www.waterfootprint.org/?page=files/Animal-products>

Nobody wants to be a water waster, and it's true that even kids can help conserve water! For more information about how you can help, check out The Water Page* at:

<http://www.thewaterpage.com/water-conservation-kids.htm>

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