

# 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 <a href="www.epa.gov/watersense/im-water-pledge">www.epa.gov/watersense/im-water-pledge</a>. To uphold my pledge, I will check off one or more simple steps each month to save water for myself, my family, and future generations.

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- I took the <u>"I'm for Water" pledge</u> 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 <u>product search tool</u> to find WaterSense labeled fixtures to enhance the look and performance of my bathroom.
- 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 <u>Fix a Leak Week</u> by checking my water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is used to see if it changes.
- I will check for leaky showers and <u>install pipe tape</u> to make sure there is a tight connection.



### April 2020

- This Earth Day, I will <u>mulch around plants</u> in my landscape to inhibit weed growth and prevent evaporation after watering.
- I will plant native, low-water-using plants in my landscape and <u>only water my lawn when needed</u>.



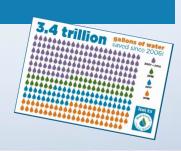
### May 2020

- For Sprinkler Spruce-Up season, I will <u>inspect, connect, direct, and select</u> my watering system to ensure it doesn't waste water.
- I will look for an <u>irrigation professional</u> certified by a WaterSense labeled program to help maximize the efficiency of my irrigation system.



#### June 2020

- I will check out the <u>water</u>, <u>energy</u>, <u>and utility bill savings</u> that WaterSense labeled products helped consumers and businesses achieve in 2019!
- I will <u>look for local rebates</u> when selecting WaterSense labeled fixtures for my home.



# **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 consider installing a WaterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controller to water smarter this summer. August 2020 If I am in the market for a new home, I will look for a WaterSense labeled home to save water, energy, and money on utility bills. 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. 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. December 2020 I will save water while cleaning up after holiday dinners by scraping dishes with leftover food into the trash instead of rinsing them and 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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