

Hi my name is Jacqueline Chen. The other day my faucet was dripping and this got me thinking about water. Did you know that one family can waste 180 gallons of water per week? That is really bad for the environment. While our population grows, more and more people are using up this water resource. Therefore, it is important that we use our water wisely. So today in this speech, I will be telling you the importance of conserving water to protect our earth.

It is bad to waste water because 71% of our earth is covered in water, but only 3% is freshwater. Out of that 3%, only 1% is available and the remaining 2% is being locked up in glaciers and ice caps. Freshwater is not a renewable resource. Let's talk about ways to conserve. If your toilet has a leak, that is bad because you are wasting 200 gallons of water everyday. That is like flushing your toilet 50 times for no reason! Also you might be taking long showers everyday. That can waste 10 to 25 gallons of water. Taking a bath wastes even more, 70 gallons of water! For one bath!

If you need to wash your bike or car, don't use the hose. Instead, use a bucket and a sponge. You shouldn't use a hose because you are wasting 6 gallons of water per minute. That's like spraying water in the air every minute for no reason! If you are using a bucket and a sponge, you are saving a lot of water.

When you are brushing your teeth, turn off the tap. If you turn off the tap, you are saving 4 to 8 gallons of water! This could add up more than 200 gallons a month, and also enough to fill a huge fish tank that holds 6 small sharks! This is also the same thing when you wash your dirty dishes! All you have to do is just turn off the tap, Then scrape your dirty dishes in the trash, Finally, put your dishes into the dishwasher!

So next time you see water running, think about what you can do to conserve water. Fix those leaky taps or faucets. Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket. Now please spread the word and ask everyone you know to conserve water.