

## San Jacinto River Authority KIDS PAGE...

### YOU'VE TAUGHT HIM TO FISH... BUT HAVE YOU TAUGHT HIM TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE WATER IN WHICH THE FISH LIVES

People live along the shores of beautiful Lake Conroe, too. And we know that in addition to being a great place for fishing tournaments and recreation, this is also a reservoir which will provide drinking water for area residents for many years to come. The San Jacinto River Authority is the steward of this multi-purpose resource and we ask your help by using water wisely -- now and into the future.

There are many things we can each do every day to use our precious water resources more efficiently...we just have to ask ourselves before we turn on the faucet, "Do I really need this water?" For example, at least three gallons of water can be saved every time we brush our teeth by turning the water on only to wet the brush and to rinse out the sink.



### Here are some more "saving" ideas...

- ◆ About 75% of the water used inside our homes is used in the bathroom. Experts estimate that in an average household, about 40% of the water gets flushed down toilets and the other 30% is used in showers and baths.
  - ◆ Take shorter showers! A five minute shower uses 25 gallons of water. Try turning the water on to get wet, and then turn it off while you lather up and wash your hair...then turn it back on to rinse off. Just think of the hundreds of gallons of water you can save each week by doing this.
  - ◆ Find leaks and fix them! Tell your parents if you see a leaking faucet or if the toilet "runs" after flushing. Silent toilet leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water before they're discovered and fixed...and that's just money down the drain.
  - ◆ It takes a lot of water to use the dishwasher and to do the laundry. If you help with these household chores, use the right water level, a water-saving detergent when possible, and only run the appliance with a full load.
  - ◆ At home, most of the water is wasted on unnecessary irrigation of lawns and gardens. Water only when necessary. Water the yard...not the driveway, sidewalk or street. Remind your parents to make sure that the system's controls are set "conservatively" and tell them if you see any leaks or malfunctioning sprinkler heads.
- The water we conserve today can serve us tomorrow! To learn more about how you can conserve water, please visit our website...

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