

Water for survival, value every drop.

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What if there was no water left on Earth? What if the seas dried up and it stopped raining? Perhaps then – we'll finally understand and realize the importance of water. Water is all around us, but we must never take it for granted. Surely, we'll regret if it ever runs out. Water is decreasing every day; can't you see? Without water, Earth is just another one of those dry planets. Imagine living without water.

“Why is water so important?” Some say, “because it quenches thirst,” or maybe, “because we need it to bathe every day.” However, water is far more vital than quenching ones thirst and taking a bath. Did you know that water makes up more than two thirds of human body weight? Did you know, without water we would die in a couple of days? Just like a car cannot run without gas and oil, the body cannot work without water. Every day I think to myself, “without water, we would have no life.”

Water is one of our most precious resources. We must all make changes in our lifestyle. Let us make water conservation a way of life and not just something thought about every once in a while. Places in the world like Africa have very little water. Every morning in Africa, people would put drops of water from a big leaf inside bottles to share with others. Would you ever want this to be us? We need to value every drop of precious water. We need to use our water wisely and conserve every drop of it.

How do we conserve water? It is not a brain teaser. There is a myriad of ways we can practice water conservation in our homes and elsewhere. One of the most common way to save water is turning off the tap while brushing your teeth. Practicing this, you can save 6 litres of water per minute. Doesn't' seem like a lot? Calculate how much water you save at the end of the month doing this procedure.

You can also practice taking shorter showers and fixing dripping pipes. The water collected can be used for watering plants, cleaning your car and washing your windows. You can also save water by pouring sufficient water for drinking instead of wasting it. Moreover, when showering, use a bucket to capture water instead of letting the water go into the drain.

Water conservation can be extremely fun at times. Water conservation is not only for doctors, lawyers and persons with high paying jobs, it is for everyone. If we come together, I can assure you that we will save enough water for our future in the Bahamas and in the world. “Play your part, be water smart!” Show that you care.