Students....
Help your school
Save Water!

Recently, Governor Brown declared a drought emergency and asked everyone to save water. You can help:

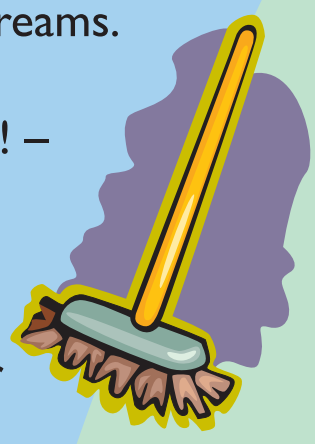
- Bring your own water bottle to school. It wastes less water than drinking from a faucet.

- When you drink from a faucet, don't let the water run (except into your mouth)!
- When you wash your hands, shut off the water while you lather soap.
- Keep your eyes open for sprinklers that leak or spray onto the sidewalk, street, or playground. Tell an adult at your school who can fix the problem.
- Keep your ears open for toilets that sound like they are constantly filling with water. Tell your custodian – toilet leaks waste lots of water.

- Does your school have a composting program? Ask your school administration to spread compost around campus plants to hold in soil moisture.
- Ask your school groundskeeper to keep the school lawns two or three inches high. Longer grass saves water!

What you can do at home:

- While you wait for your shower to warm, catch the water with a bucket. Use the water on plants outdoors.
- Wash your bike and dog on the lawn. The lawn will get watered and keep soap and oil from draining to streams.
- Use a broom – not a hose! – to sweep walkways and patios.



- Ask your parents to water your lawns only when the grass is dry and only in the early morning – not after it has rained and not on windy or hot days when the water will blow away or evaporate.
- Ask your parents to consider replacing your lawn with drought-resistant plants that rarely need water.

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