



# Mallory Valley Utility District

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## Every Drop Counts!

Water has become a national priority. Over the last several years the U.S. population has increased significantly which requires a higher demand for water. A recent government survey showed that at least 36 states anticipate water shortages by 2013.

There are simple ways we can all help to preserve water for the future. As you read through this newsletter we will provide you with tips and information that we have collected listed on the back page of this

provide you with tips and information from some of the websites listed in this newsletter.



### Ways to Conserve Water

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Check your toilet for leaks. Put dye tablets or food coloring into the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there's a leak that should be repaired.
- Don't waste cold water while waiting for hot water to reach the shower head or faucet. Capture it in a watering can or bucket to irrigate your plants.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Using a garbage disposal properly requires a lot of water. TIP- start a compost pile with your scraps!
- Take shorter showers.
- Collect water in a bowl or pot to rinse your vegetables and fruit. Even better, use the same water to irrigate your indoor plants!
- Use water-efficient products, such as low flow faucets and water saving shower heads.

### Did you know?

- If you shorten your shower by a minute or two you could save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Less than 2% of the Earth's water supply is fresh.
- The average American uses 140-170 gallons of water per day.
- Only 1% of the Earth's water is available for drinking water. 2% is frozen.
- There are 7.48 gallons in a cubic foot of water.
- One flush of the toilet uses 6 1/2 gallons of water.

You would be surprised at how much water is lost with a leaky fixture. Just to put it into perspective, take a look at the chart below on the estimated water loss.

DRIPS PER MINUTE	WATER WASTED PER DAY (GALLONS)	WATER WASTED PER MONTH (GALLONS)	WATER WASTED PER YEAR (GALLONS)
5	.75	22	263
10	1.5	43	526
20	2.9	86	1,051
30	4.3	130	1,577
40	5.8	173	2,103
50	7.2	216	2,628
60	8.6	259	3,154
70	10.1	302	3,679
80	11.5	346	4,205
90	13	389	4,731
100	14.4	432	5,256



For more tips and information on water conservation you can visit the following websites:

[www.eartheasy.com](http://www.eartheasy.com)

[www.epa.gov/waterSense](http://www.epa.gov/waterSense)

[www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)

# WANTED

We are in the process of converting to new billing software with automated emergency notifications. Such as, water service interruptions due to a main line repair. To ensure that you receive these calls / emails we will need updated information.

At your earliest convenience please contact our office to provide updated phone numbers and email addresses.

Our office is located at  
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Check out the new kids corner at:

**[www.MVUD.org](http://www.MVUD.org)**