



Florida PSC
Highlights
Importance of
Water
Conservation
during

**Drinking
Water
Week**

To commemorate *Drinking Water Week 2015*, May 3-9, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) joined water professionals across the country in reminding consumers to get serious about water conservation. The PSC shared important tips about drinking water within their own homes and highlighted some summer conservation reminders from the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

"We need to be more aware of the water we use, so we don't waste it," said PSC Chairman Art Graham. "All of us can take small but valuable steps to conserve our state's most important resource."

Tips on how Florida families can conserve water this summer include:

- ◆ Don't over water your lawn. Only water every three to five days in the summer and 10 to 14 days in the winter.
- ◆ To prevent water evaporation, don't water your lawn during the hottest part of the day, or when it is windy.
- ◆ Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when they are fully loaded.
- ◆ Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator or in the microwave instead of running water over it.
- ◆ When washing dishes by hand, use two basins--one for washing and one for rinsing-- rather than let the water run.
- ◆ Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- ◆ If you have a swimming pool, get a cover. You'll cut water evaporation by 90 percent.
- ◆ Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons each day.

For more than 35 years, AWWA and its members have celebrated *Drinking Water Week*--a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. For more information about 2015 *Drinking Water Week*, free materials for download and celebration ideas, visit the *Drinking Water Week* web page, <http://www.awwa.org/>.

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