

Faith in Action - Congregational Water Use

Materials for Activity

- Paper and pencils/pens

Preparation for Activity

- Optional: Obtain information on finding and fixing leaky pipes on the [Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water](#) website.

Description of Activity

Lead the family to identify and implement ways the congregation can conserve and protect water.

Share these facts and tips from the EPA website:

- *Reduce faucet leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and, if necessary, replace the faucet with a Water Sense labeled model.*
- *Leaky toilets are most often the result of a worn toilet flapper. Replacing the rubber flapper is a quick fix that could save a home up to 200 gallons of water per day.*
- *For a leaky garden hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.*
- *Landscape irrigation systems should be checked each spring before use to make sure they are not damaged by frost or freezing.*

Distribute paper and pencils/pens. Have the family sit together

On paper, list recommendations to submit to the congregational leadership. Introduce the recommendations with a brief description of the work RE families have done this fall to understand stewardship of water and why it is important. Consider mailing or emailing your recommendations to the church. Perhaps the family or an adult representative can present the recommendations to congregational leadership. The family can advocate for fixing any problems they have noticed.

