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The Campmeeting uses an average of **22,000 gallons** of water each day! During the Water Tank Replacement Project, the MGCA will purchase that water from the Mt. Gretna Authority. The MGCA anticipates this timeframe to be from mid-December 2022 through mid-May 2023. So now more than ever, it is important to control our costs—and you can help, by conserving water.

The MGCA challenges you to think of ways where you can conserve.

CONSERVATION:

The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) suggests:

1. If you have a dishwasher, put down the sponge.
It may feel more virtuous to wash by hand, but it's more wasteful: You use up to 27 gallons of water per load by hand versus as little as 3 gallons with an ENERGY STAR-rated dishwasher. And just scrape off the food scraps instead of rinsing each dish before you load it.
2. Let the professionals wash your car.
Once again, your DIY instinct is admirable . . . but profligate. Letting the local car wash do the dirty work could save up to 100 gallons.

3. Shower with a bucket.
Granted, it's a little weird. But while you're in there, you could capture a gallon or more that could be put to good use watering your plants.
4. Test your toilet.
Undetected internal leaks from tank to bowl could waste up to 100 gallons a day. **Drop a dye tablet** or food coloring in the tank yearly to see if the color of the water in the bowl changes color. If it does, your toilet needs a replacement rubber flapper or fill mechanism.
5. Conduct regular leak hunts.
A 1/16-inch opening in your faucet could waste 100 gallons a day. Tour your cottage monthly, inside, and out, in search of dripping faucets, showerheads, hoses, and sprinklers. Most faucet drips can be fixed simply by replacing a worn-out washer. For other tips and fixes, see the [EPA's WaterSense site](#). Excessive leaks could be costly to both you and your neighbors.
6. Invest in that new high-efficiency appliance or fixture.
Your utility company might offer rebates or other incentives when you buy new water-saving showerheads, faucets, clothes washers, or toilets. And even if it doesn't, you'll still wind-up saving tons of money in the long run. Look for the EPA's [WaterSense](#) label or ENERGY STAR certification.

Together, as a community, we can all do our best to conserve water.

Thank you.

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