

# Water You Thinking Keep Washington Green!

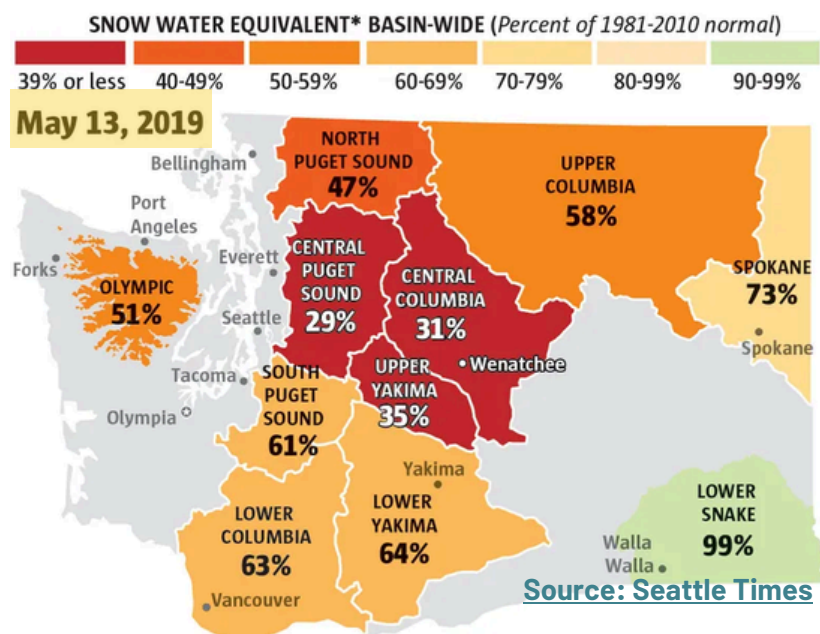


## You Can Make A Difference.

We drink snow. Red on the map means much less water stored in our snow pack.

### Climate change is...

- shrinking our snow pack and decreasing our drinking water
- drying up creeks and rivers critical to our salmon
- causing more frequent wildfires



## What can you do at school?

**Water is critical to life.** Fortunately, there's lots of ways to conserve! [Bellevue's Strategy](#) for residents is to "conserve water at home, plant drought tolerant plants, and check regularly for leaks." You can engage your peers, classrooms, and even your whole school in simple, compounding actions like our [Shorter Showers Impact Project](#) and [Classroom Spreadsheet](#)!



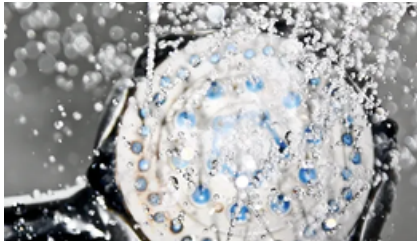
## What can you do at home?

**Individual actions add up to a big impact.** You can make a difference! Follow the Guidelines below to conserve as much water as you can and to earn up to **5 community service hours!**

# How to get Service Hours



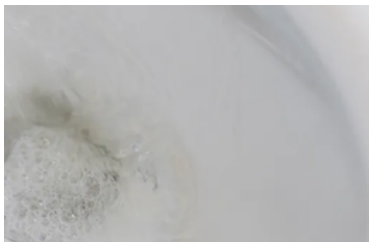
Click on one of our Impact Projects below to get the template. Write up your project, find your stakeholders, follow the procedure, and do the math!



**Shorter Showers**



**Shrink Your Lawn**



**Hidden Toilet Leaks**



**Full Dishwasher Loads**

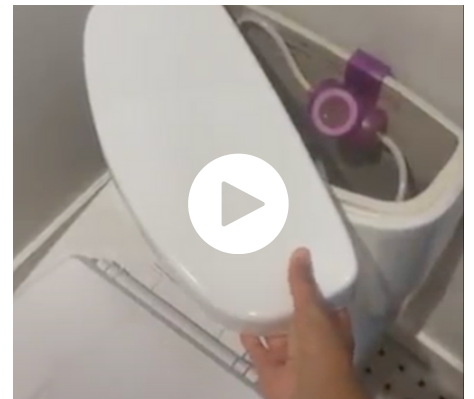


**Washing Machine Loads**



Now, create an Impact Story about your project's results. Review [the project requirements](#) and pick a storytelling style from our [Storytelling Types & Tips](#).

**Need inspo?** Watch [Kylie's video](#) on her Hidden Toilet Leaks Impact Project.



Submit your data, project write up, and your Impact Story using this [Submission Form](#). If it's good, and meets our criteria for impact, we will accept it. We might even publish the best of the best on our website. **Yep, it's that simple to get 5 community service hours!**



Can I do more than one Impact Project? **Absolutely!** You can find more Impact projects in variety of categories on [our webpage](#).

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# Ready to do more? Do some of these Water Saving Actions

## **Let Your Lawn Go Dormant!**

You may be spending hundreds of dollars keeping your lawn green all summer. Why not save some valuable water and cash and let your lawn go dormant. It'll bounce back in the fall. Don't like the look? Consider a lawn makeover with native and drought tolerant plants instead. You'll enjoy the diversity and beauty for years to come. Visit [Bellevue's website](#) to see more water saving tips.



## **Save Water & Your Money!**

Wasting water costs money. Lots of it. Save your hard-earned money by conserving water at home. Your family could save as much as [\\$170 a year](#) by implementing water conservation strategies! Use the math calculations in our [5 Saving Water Impact Projects](#) to figure out just how much you and your family can save.

## **Plant a Tree... or Two!**

Trees are actually an amazing water saving strategy! Trees capture and send rainwater into the soil replenishing our groundwater, they increase shade, and native species are naturally adapted to be drought tolerant here.

Use our Plant one Tree in my Yard Impact Project and aid Bellevue in [increasing the city's tree canopy to 40%](#).

