

1. **50-65%** of the adult human body is made of water
2. Each day we must replace up to 3 **litres** of water through **drinking water** and the rest through food
3. By **2025**, half of the **world's** population will be living in **water-stressed areas**.
4. Of the **37** major diseases in the developing world **21** are related to **water** and **sanitation**
5. **Contaminated drinking water** is estimated to cause **502,000** diarrhoeal deaths each year.
6. Leaking taps (one drop/second) waste approximately **3,000 gallons per year**
7. **75%** of indoor home water use occurs in bathrooms and toilets
8. **Conventional toilets** use over **40%** more water than needed

6 SUGGESTIONS FOR MANAGING WATER CONSERVATION

1. **Ensure** regular maintenance and repair of all water infrastructure
2. **Institute** periodic water audits
3. **Arrange** for reuse of water harvested from the atmosphere (through cooling action of air conditioners where available)
4. In offices, schools and industries **appoint** one or more person to take on water conservation responsibilities
5. **Make** these responsibilities part of department goals, individual goals, and job descriptions
6. **Institute** daily checks of all bathrooms, kitchens, work areas and outdoor spaces to ensure that all taps are closed tight and that there are no leakages before the office or school closes each day

7 THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. **Change** attitudes and behaviour towards the use of water
2. **Close** taps carefully each time after use
3. **Conserve** water, **manage** sanitation and solid wastes at all levels
4. **Reduce** water consumption so that the water saved can be used by others
5. **Extend** a helping hand to the government because they cannot do it alone
6. Be **responsible** and **proactive** citizens, become involved in city affairs for a cleaner and greener city
7. **Support** organizations and institutions that **provide** a platform for **partnering** between citizens and the government

