

YOU CAN HELP
CONSERVE
WATER



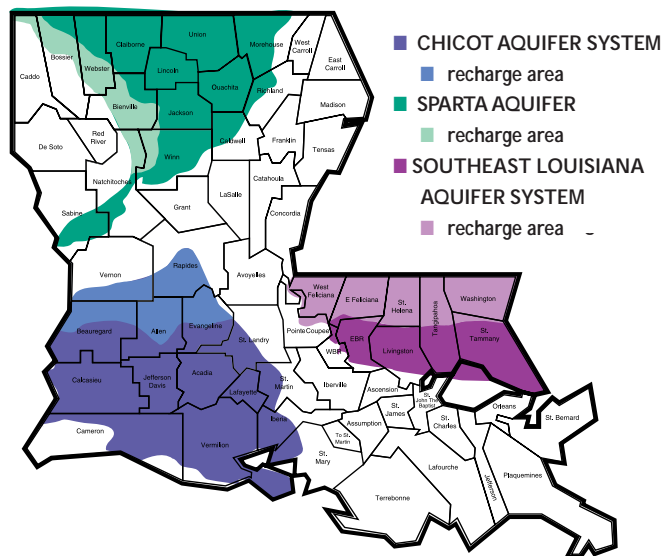
Water-saving TIPS










SPARTA AQUIFER

Our drinking water comes from two major sources – surface water and groundwater. Surface water includes rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Groundwater includes underground aquifers.

The Sparta Aquifer serves 15 north Louisiana parishes. One of our most valuable resources, aquifers are marvels you can't see and may not even know are there.

To help prevent the depletion of these aquifers there are easy, practical ways to conserve water without depriving yourself or changing your lifestyle. Try these water conservation tips to reduce household expenses for drinking water and for waste water treatment.



-  Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. An average of 5 gallons is used while brushing your teeth. By turning off the faucet you'll save about 100 gallons per month.
-  Install a low-flow shower head, and take showers instead of baths. The average eight- minute shower uses 17.2 gallons of water. A bathtub requires about 35 gallons.
-  Repair leaky faucets. A faucet that leaks one drop per second can waste 2,000 gallons of water a year.
-  Repair leaky toilets. An average leak can waste 60 gallons per day. If the toilets in your home were purchased before 1992, replace them with newer, more efficient ones that use only 1.6 gallons per flush.
-  Water the yard and garden early in the morning and only when necessary.
-  Fully load the dishwasher and clothes washer before running. An average clothes washer uses between 30 and 35 gallons of water.
-  Keep a covered pitcher of water in the refrigerator to eliminate waiting for cold water from the faucet.
-  Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.
-  Wash your car using a bucket instead of letting the water run.