

# WATER CONSERVATION

## Brought to you by the 7th and 8th Grade HALS Students

We tend to think about conserving water during the summer months. However, conserving water all year is very important.

Although 70% of the earth is covered with water, only 3% of that is fresh water. Of the 3%, only 1% is available to support life. The other 2% is either frozen or too hard to get. All the population, plants and animals, depend on the 1%. As the population grows, there will be more demand for the same amount of water. We must learn to conserve water.

Conserving water saves a precious resource plus puts money in your pocket due to lower water bills. The following tips were developed by the Gering 7th and 8th Grade HALS students. They wish to help provide some guidance for conserving water at your residence.

- **Check faucets, toilets and pipes for leaks.**
- **Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks.**
- **Take shorter showers.**
- **Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead.**
- **Plant drought-tolerant lawns, shrubs and plants.**
- **Use a broom to clean the driveway.**
- **Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.**
- **Purchase water efficient front load washers, dish washers, faucets and toilets.**
- **Mulch around trees and plants. Water early in the mornings.**
- **Keep sprinkler heads adjusted to water plants, not sidewalks & gutters.**
- **Use a rain barrel.**
- **Limit storm water drain off by constructing a rain garden.**
- **Turn off the water while brushing teeth.**
- **Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan instead of running tap water.**
- **Use the rinse water to irrigate plants.**

