

Saving Water and Energy



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Our Homes

Every day, we use water and **energy** in our homes to help us live, work and play.

We use water for drinking, for washing and to water the garden.





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We use energy to keep our homes cool or warm, to cook, and to work lots of different machines.





Electricity is a kind of energy. Electricity is used to work many machines in the home.

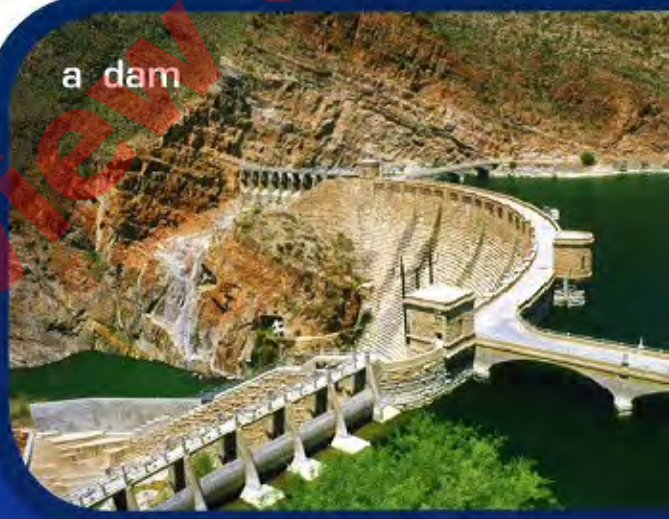
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Saving Water

It is important to save water.

Most of our water comes from rivers or dams. Rivers and dams fill up when it rains. When it does not rain, there is not as much water.

If we help save water, then there will be enough for everyone.


a dam


a river



Water comes to many homes through pipes.

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You can help save water!

- Turn off dripping taps.
- Use washing water on the garden.
- Don't leave the tap running when brushing your teeth.







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Rainwater Tanks

Some homes do not get water from a river or dam.

This farmhouse has a big **rainwater tank**. The tank can hold lots of water.



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When rain falls, it runs off the roof of the house and into the rainwater tank.

There is enough water in the tank for everyone who lives here.





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Water from rainwater tanks is **filtered** before people drink it. This takes out any dirt from the roof.