

# Water Smart

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Did you know that we can only use less than 1% of all the water on Earth? The rest is salt water or is permanently frozen and we can't drink it, wash with it, or use it to water plants.

And every day, we have more and more people using up this limited resource. That's why it is so important that we use our water wisely and not waste it!

Every drop of water that runs down the drain ends up flowing into the sewage system. Sending clean water down the drain fills up the sewer and lets dirty water and waste overflow into the streams and oceans. Polluted water can harm animals who drink it and live in it.

**Washing our hands is really important--especially now! But saving water can be as easy as turning off a faucet.**

- Turn off the water while you lather your hands with soap
- Turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth
- Turn off the water while you scrub dishes

**How quickly can you get clean? Time your showers.**

- Keep a timer in the kitchen and see who in your family can take the quickest shower while still getting clean.

**Play the WaterSense game at [epa.gov](http://epa.gov).**

- *Think you know everything there is to know about water? Move the water-efficiency hero Flo through water pipes and answer water-efficiency questions while avoiding water-wasting monsters.*



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# Grand Canyon National Park

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In northern Arizona lies one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is a massive canyon of red rock. At the bottom of the canyon runs the Colorado River. The Grand Canyon is over 277 miles long and over 1 mile deep. It is up to 18 miles wide and getting wider.

The Grand Canyon was made by the Colorado River. The river has run through this area for almost 2 billion years, carving the rock into a canyon. Native Americans have lived around the Grand Canyon for thousands of years. Today, almost 5 million visitors come every year to marvel at the canyon.

Many animals dwell in and around the colossal canyon, including elk, bison, desert bighorn sheep, and tassel-eared Kaibab squirrels.



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## What's the Grand Canyon's water source?

- The Grand Canyon is fed by both the Colorado River and natural springs.