



ARE YOU A CONSERVATIONIST?

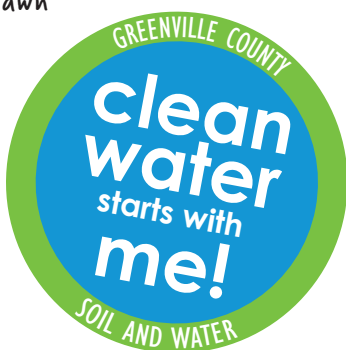
Check off the things you and your family do!
How many check marks will you get?

I...

- pick up after my dog
- don't litter
- pick up litter I find on the ground
- compost food scraps and/or leaves, twigs & grass
- donate old clothes and toys
- bring reusable bags to the grocery store
- ride my bike or walk whenever I can
- recycle
- choose meals without meat
- drink without straws
- ride the bus or carpool to school
- turn off the lights when I leave a room
- use a reusable water bottle
- turn off the water when brushing my teeth

My family...

- grows our own food
- has flowers, trees & other wildlife-friendly habitat
- follows directions when using fertilizer
- avoids using pesticides & herbicides
- keeps yard waste away from storm drains
- leaves grass clippings on the lawn
- washes our car on the lawn
- has a rain barrel
- uses LED lightbulbs
- buys secondhand
- recycles used auto oil



Even if you only checked one, you're a
CONSERVATIONIST!
Little things can make a big difference!

Here's how...



Each week, people in the U.S. buy enough plastic water bottles to circle the Earth five times! Ditching single-use plastics, like straws, grocery bags & bottles, is an easy way to REDUCE your impact on the environment.

Not only is dog poop smelly, but it also has lots of bacteria & parasites that pollute waterways. A pile of poo has nearly 3 billion E. coli bacteria, which can make people and wildlife very sick. Always grab it, bag it & trash it - even if it's in your backyard.



Eat your veggies! It takes water to produce everything we eat. Did you know it takes more than 600 gallons of water to make just one hamburger? Fruits & veggies, however, don't take as much water to produce. Skipping meat one day a week is a great way to conserve water!

Buying secondhand clothing is a great way to save water & money! It takes almost 3,000 gallons of water to make one pair of blue jeans, and nearly 800 gallons to make one cotton t-shirt. Every time you buy a used item, you're conserving water and other natural resources.



Put trash where it belongs - in trash cans or recycling bins! 80% of the trash found in waterways is from litter (and most of it is single-use plastic). As litter travels, it breaks down and leaves behind harmful chemicals, which can pollute food and water sources for humans and animals.

For more information on how you can help conserve our natural resources, visit www.greenvilleoilandwater.com!

GREENVILLE COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT