

# Smart Tips on Saving Water

**Did you know** that there's only so much water on the planet and less than 1% is fresh water we can use?

**We need fresh water** to drink, fish and frogs need it to live in, and plants need it to grow.

**You can help** make sure there's enough clean water for everyone by following the tips below!



1. **Use it Wisely**—There are lots of ways to save water—take shorter showers, avoid watering your lawn (especially midday), fix leaky faucets, and run the dishwasher only when it's full.

2. **Keep it Clean** — whether it's trash, oil, lawn fertilizers, or pet waste—everything that gets on the ground gets into our waterways!



3. **Save it for a Dry Day**—Use a rain barrel to catch roof runoff and use that instead of your hose on dry days

4. **Get it in the Ground**—Use water as a resource and don't waste it. Trees, rain gardens, and green spaces help catch water, filter it naturally, and soak it back into our groundwater where it's needed.



5. **Talk with your neighbors** and friends about what we can all do to help save water and keep it clean



# Visit Broad Meadow Brook to see how we're saving water!

Green spaces such as forests, fields, and wetlands naturally filter polluted runoff before it gets to our rivers—but only if we protect those spaces.

At **Broad Meadow Brook**, we're working to reduce our hard surfaces that create runoff and instead have lots of green spaces like rain gardens and forests where the water can soak in and be filtered before going into our waterways.



No-Mow  
Open Space



Stormwater  
Capture



Rain Gardens



Permeable  
Pavers



Rain Barrels



From rain barrels to permeable pavers... visit **Broad Meadow Brook** to see how we're helping to keep our local water healthy.



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