

Sustainability Pledge

Water

In 2008, I pledge to use water more efficiently.

Water is one of the many things we take for granted every day, often times the volume of our water use is something we are not aware. The average American uses between 80 and 100 gallons of water per day¹. By paying attention it is possible to use water more efficiently: turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth or shaving; wash laundry and dishes with full loads; take shorter showers; and don't ignore leaks as a dripping faucet or leaking toilet wastes between 600 and 900 gallons of water a month².



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Your actions can help reduce our impact on global climate change. Together we can make a difference in the environment by being aware of our patterns of use (and misuse). The SSW Sustainability Committee is asking everyone to increase their ecological awareness through a frank and honest examination of how we use our resources. Pledge to make a difference by reducing your paper use, recycling, conserving electricity, and using public transport when possible.

¹United States Geological Survey (2008). Water Use for Schools. Retrieved August 25, 2008 from USGS Water Use for Schools. URL: <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/qahome.html>

²Planet Green (2008). Green Cars: By The Numbers. Retrieved: August 25, 2008, from Planet Green website. URL: <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/green-cars/green-cars-statistics.html>