

Every Drop Counts!

- There are more than **7,300,000,000** people on earth!
- This number is growing at a rate of **230,000 people each day** and we all need water to survive.
- We use **6 times more water** than people did hundred years ago.
- At this rate, **4 billion people** may be living without enough clean water by the year **2050**.
- Armenia has been included in the list of **33 countries** that will face the biggest water shortages by **2040**.



In Armenia, the region of Armash is home to threatened species like the marbled and white-headed ducks. Unfortunately, misuse of water resources is drying up the area, threatening its wildlife. The Armenian Society for the Protection of Birds (ASPB) is working to save this bird paradise.



One of the reasons why the Ishkhan fish in Lake Sevan became endangered was the drop in the water level of the lake.



Your Water Footprint

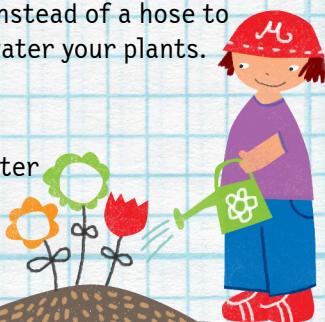
Your "water footprint" is a measure of how much water you use, including all that water you don't see being used, like the amount used to grow the food you eat or to make the goods you buy. The more water you use, the heavier your water footprint.

How often do you do these things? Answer by "never", "sometimes" or "often" to find out how big your water footprint is:

- take a bath instead of a shower
- run the faucet until the water comes out cold or hot
- replace metal, plastic, wood or paper products before they are worn out
- eat meat, especially beef
- eat food that has been grown outside its normal growing area, such as fruit grown in dry areas
- brush your teeth with tap running
- purchase a plastic water bottle
- leave the hose running when washing your bike or family car

If your answers are mostly "never", great! Your water footprint is light. Mostly "sometimes" means your footprint is average. If your answers are mostly "often", then your water footprint is DEEP! Time to make some changes! Read on to find out how to become water smart.

Use a watering can instead of a hose to water your plants.



Collect rainwater to water plants or wash your car. You could save up to 1,300 gallons of water during summer months.



Water lawn in early morning so less water will evaporate.

Cover flowerbeds with wood chips or straw to reduce evaporation.



Don't leave the hose running while washing your bike or family car. Or use a bucket and sponge instead of a hose.