

Saving water reduces runoff and protects our reefs!



# Did you know that by conserving water, you can reduce runoff, which one of the main sources of pollution in nearshore waters?

Rain that comes off of your roof, driveway and other hard or impervious areas can contribute to pollution via runoff. Simple water conservation in your home and yard can save you money and one of our islands' most precious resources: water.

One study has found that by using technology to reduce amount of irrigation needed or by measures to reduce water use in the home, such as using low flow toilets or taking shorter showers, the amount of runoff was reduced, as well as the amount of pollutants in the runoff.

In Hawai'i, the average household in Hawai'i uses 13,000 gallons per month. Households on O'ahu will pay just over \$31 for this amount; Maui County \$35; Hawai'i \$49 and Kauai \$52; By saving a mere 20 percent of water per month, or 2,600 gallons, O'ahu residents can save over \$75 per year; Maui \$117; Hawai'i \$117 and Kaua'i \$125. This can result in total savings of water of over 12 billion a year!

# For more water conservation tips:

## Honolulu County:

http://www.hbws.org/cssweb/display.cfm?sid=1061

### Kauai County:

http://www.kauaiwater.org/ce\_waterconservation.asp

### Maui County:

http://hi-mauicounty.civicplus.com/index.asp?NID=227

### **EPA Water Saver Home:**

http://www.h2ouse.org/

### EPA WaterSense program, water efficient products:

http://www.epa.gov/watersense/

### Hawai'i Backyard conservation pamphlet for homeowners:

http://www.hbws.org/cssweb/display.cfm?sid=1619





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