

Learn How to Conserve Water with Captain Clog!

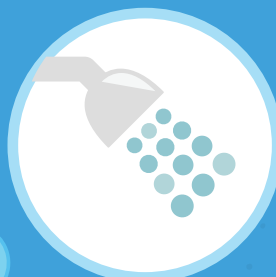
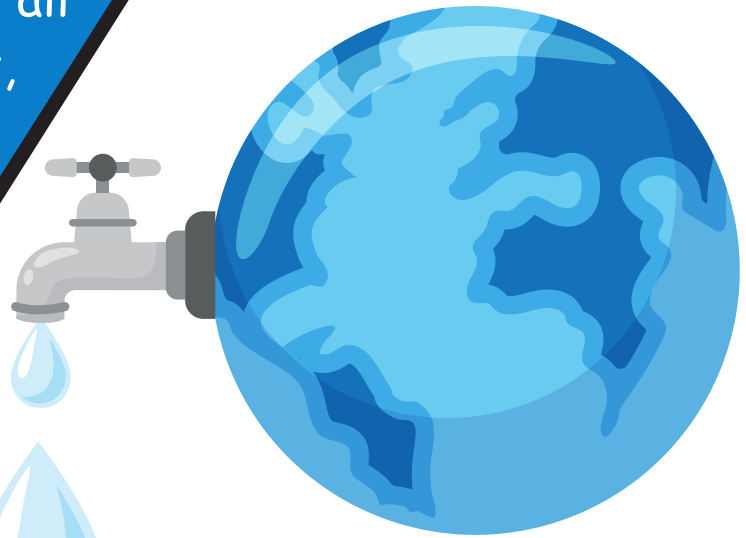
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More than 70 percent of the surface of our planet is water, but almost all of that is ocean water full of salt, so we can't drink it! Because water is such a precious resource, we all need to do our part to conserve it.



# 1. Turn Off the Tap.

You can save **200 gallons** of water per month by turning off the tap while you wash your hands or brush your teeth.

Also, be sure that the faucet is turned off tightly when you're done, as drips become wasted gallons.



## 2. Curb Outdoor Water Waste.



Watering the yard is important for keeping it healthy. Just don't water in the middle of the day when temperatures are highest, or the sun will evaporate water before it reaches your lawn and plants.



A hose uses six gallons of water every minute.

If using a sprinkler, make sure the water goes on the grass, not on the house or driveway.

### 3. Reuse Those Drops.

If you don't drink all the water in your glass, use it to water houseplants or flowers in the garden.

Leftover ice cubes can go right into small plant pots; as they slowly melt, they will give the roots just the water they need.



### 4. Let Your Dishwasher Do the Work.

Did you know that it takes less water to run a full dishwasher than to wash dishes by hand in the sink?

And it's faster and easier!



But remember to only run the dishwasher when it's full!

You can save water by scraping the food scraps from plates into the trash rather than rinsing them before loading the dishwasher.

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While washing the dishes, it's important to **NEVER** pour any fats, oils or grease down the drain!

They damage and clog pipes both at home and in the sewer system. Pour your fats, oils and grease into a heat-safe container, and when it hardens, dispose of the can in the trash.




**STORE IT, DON'T POUR IT!**

**CLOGS ARE A PAIN,  
DON'T PUT GREASE  
DOWN YOUR DRAIN!**

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## 5. Take a Shower Instead of a Bath.

An illustration of a young girl with brown hair and freckles, smiling and showering. She has white soap suds on her hair and is holding a yellow sponge. Water is spraying from a showerhead above her. The background is a blue tiled wall. A white shower curtain is partially visible.

Turn on your favorite music to sing to in the shower, and get out after **two songs** play!

**Take a speed shower!** A shower uses less water than filling the bathtub; just don't stand under the shower head for too long.

If you shorten your shower by just **one minute**, it will save **two gallons** of water. Also, use less shampoo, so it doesn't take as long to rinse.

## 6. Watch What You Flush.



**REMEMBER!**  
Only flush the three Ps:  
pee, poop, and  
(toilet) paper.

When you use the toilet as a trash can, you waste anywhere from one gallon of water to three gallons or more!

Toilet paper is designed to dissolve, but disposable wipes, tissues and paper towels don't break down and can clog toilets and drains.

Safely dispose of them in the trash.



Can you help  
Captain Clog  
find out if  
there is a leak  
in the tank?

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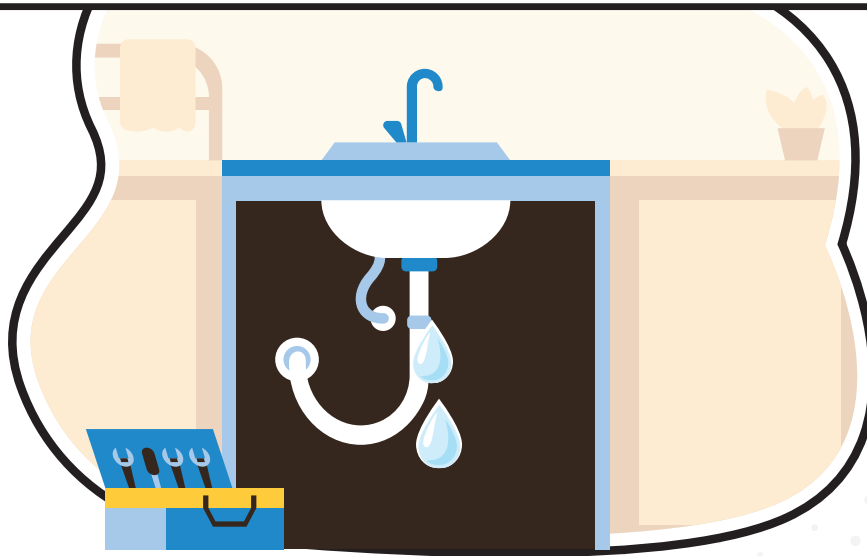


## 7. Load Up on Laundry.

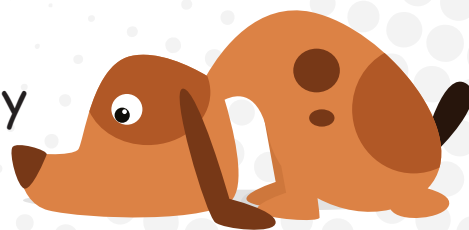
The more kids there are at home means more laundry! Save energy by washing clothes in cold water. Conserve water by only running the washer with full loads of laundry. It takes the same amount of water to wash one shirt or a full load of laundry!



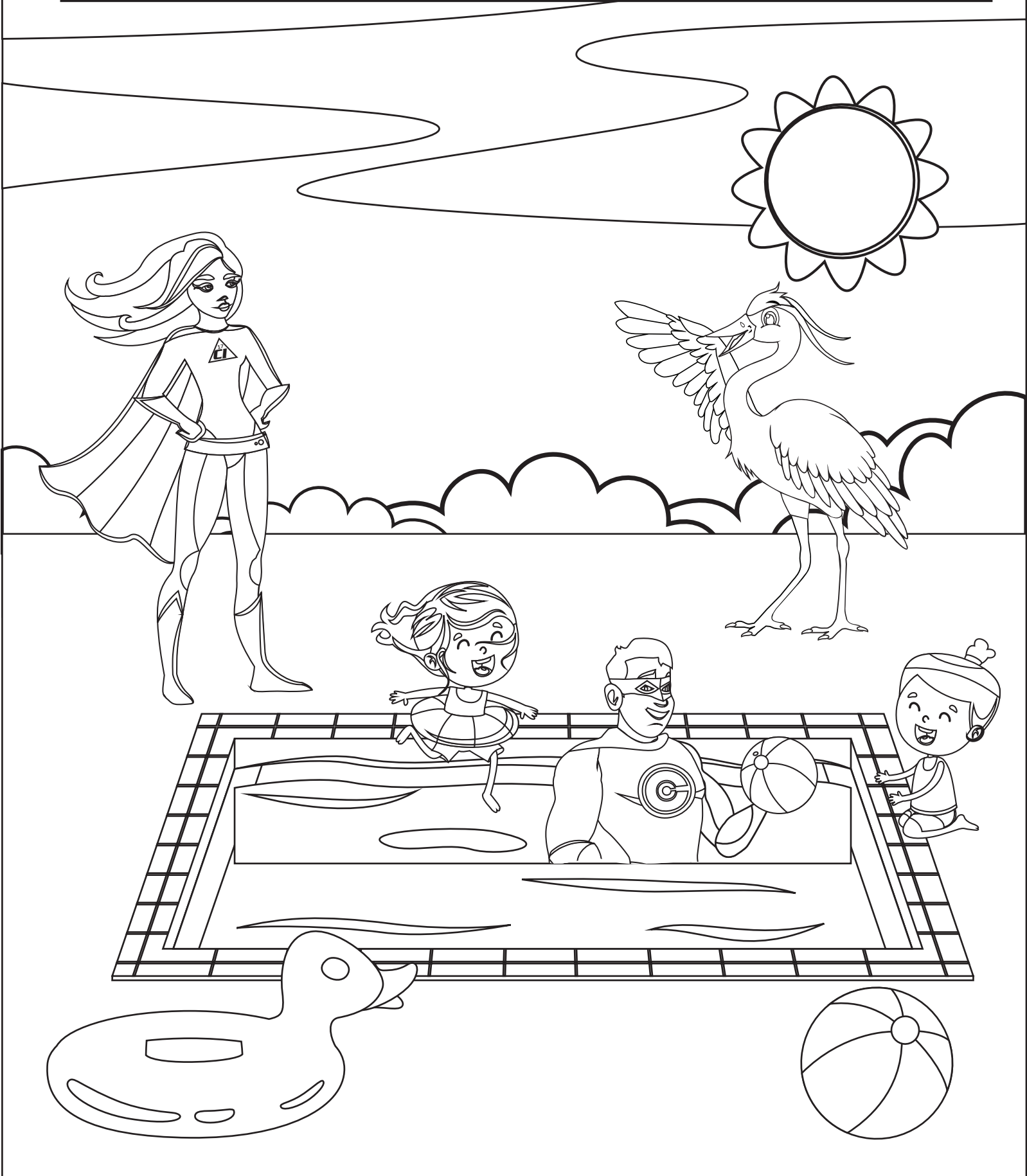
## 8. Be a Leak Detective.



A leaky faucet wastes 8 gallons of water every day! If you see a sink faucet dripping after you turn it completely off, make sure to repair it as quickly as possible.



Follow these tips from Captain Clog, and in one year you could save enough water to fill a swimming pool!



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