

COLORADO RIVER ALLIANCE

Redbud Field Trip Activity Guide Part 3

Presented by Colorado River Alliance

{ Hello from CRA! }



- 💧 [Colorado River Alliance](#) is a small nonprofit dedicated to educating kids like YOU about our most precious resource—the Texas Colorado River!
- 💧 Did you know that in Austin, 100% of your water comes from the Texas Colorado River? That's right. Every time you turn on the faucet, take a shower, or flush the toilet, that water was originally pumped from the Texas Colorado River.



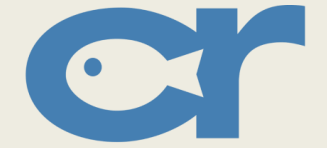
[Use this vocab list](#) as you go along and check off new words you learn!



Texas Colorado River



Water Conservation

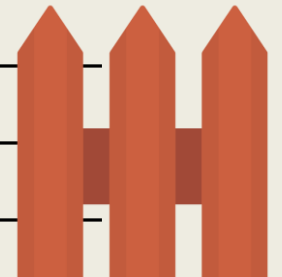


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Make a list of all the things you use water for at home:

Indoors:

Outdoors:



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- 💧 The average family uses about 320 gallons of water each day! How does all that water add up?
- 💧 *Make your best guess to match the gallon amounts on the right with the water-wasting activity on the left.*

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| ___ Brushing your teeth with the tap running | A. 15 gallons |
| ___ Taking a bath with the tub full | B. 2,500 gallons |
| ___ Taking a 15-minute shower | C. 4 gallons |
| ___ Washing clothes in the washing machine | D. 20 gallons |
| ___ Washing dishes in the dishwasher | E. 38 gallons |
| ___ Watering the lawn | F. 45 gallons |



Check your answers from the previous page with the chart below. Were you surprised? How can we **conserve** (use less) water when doing these activities?

Fill in this column with your ideas. ↩

Water WASTING Activity	Gallons Used	Ways I Can REDUCE Water Use
Brushing teeth with the tap running	4	
Taking a bath with the bathtub full	20	
Taking a 15-minute shower	38	
Washing clothes in the washing machine	45	
Washing dishes in the dishwasher	15	
Watering the lawn	2,500	

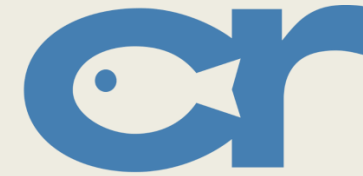
Now, let's put those ideas into action by completing the **Colorado River Pledge** on the next page. Post it on your fridge or somewhere else in your home to remind your family every day to conserve water!



Colorado River Pledge

I pledge to reduce water use at home by:

- Turning the tap off when brushing my teeth.
- Taking 5 minute showers.
- Only filling the bath tub half way for baths.
- Using left over water for plants instead of pouring it down the sink.
- Reminding my family to only do full loads of laundry.
- Reminding my family to only water the lawn when the sun is down.
- Reminding my family to only wash full loads of dishes in the dishwasher.
- Other: _____



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