

DID YOU KNOW??

- ⇒ 99% of the world's water cannot be used because it is either salt water or is locked up in glaciers and ice sheets.
- ⇒ A tap dripping once a second wastes about 10,000 litres of water a year.
- ⇒ A hosepipe or sprinkler can use 1,000 litres (or 1 tonne) of water per hour. This is as much as a family of four would normally use in two days!
- ⇒ Our own bodies are two thirds water and our brains are at least 85% water!!
- ⇒ A person can survive a month without food, but can only survive five or six days without water.
- ⇒ A power shower uses almost 125 litres of water in 5 minutes. That's a massive 250 litres in 10 minutes!



**Efficient water use doesn't mean changing our lifestyle.
It means reducing water waste!!**



Our Green Motto:-

**"STOP AND THINK,
PUT THE STOPPER IN THE SINK"**



St. Peter's N.S. Snugboro

Our Green Newsletter

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle



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OUR GREEN SCHOOL

At St. Peter's we already compost and recycle card, paper, plastics, and cartons. We also try to conserve energy by monitoring doors, windows, electrical appliances, lights and radiators.

This year we are concentrating on the theme of "WATER". We are trying to conserve WATER at school. This week we are in the process of having a WATER WEEK where we are making the pupils and staff aware of the importance of saving WATER. Each class is undertaking various activities regarding WATER - e.g. WATER experiments, WATER safety, WATER pollution, songs, poems and stories about WATER.

We hope that this will increase awareness of the importance of WATER in our lives. In this newsletter we have included tips to help conserve WATER at home, so that all families can give it a go!

Are you Recycling at home??

If not, why not try it. It will be financially much cheaper to re-cycle your waste. Bring it to



**Derrynumera civic amenity centre - situated on Newport Road
- open Monday - Saturday 8.00am to 5.00pm.**

Why not purchase a compost bin at Arás an Chontae and pick it up at the County Council Machinery yard, Moneen—only €25.!! It will make for a cleaner environment.



**Remember
Don't run while brushing**



**It's a lovely scene, when
water is clean.**



10 Tap Tips to conserve WATER in the home



1. Keep a jug of WATER in the fridge instead of letting the tap run for cold drinks.
2. Use a basin to rinse/clean your fruit and vegetables.
3. Use a bucket of water not a hose for washing your car or windows. Try a watering can for watering flowers.
4. Lawns don't need to be hosed.
5. Fix leaking taps as soon as you hear them.



6. Use your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full. A typical washing machine uses up to 45 litres of water and a dishwasher uses 20 litres.

7. Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth. A running tap uses 6 litres of water per minute.
8. Reduce the amount of time you spend in the shower.
9. Know how to turn off the water supply. This could save thousands of litres of water and also damage to your home in the event of a burst pipe
10. When having hot drinks only fill the kettle with enough water for your needs, not to the brim. This saves energy too.



Don't forget!!!

As Usual Mayo County Council have arrangements in place after Christmas for recycling your Christmas trees and cards — Free of charge For further information contact Environment Section, Mayo County Council, (094) 9024444.



Poem Helping the Environment



We have a solution
To stop pollution
If we keep water clean
We'll become more green.

Use the rain
To make your plants grow
Water them weekly
It won't be slow.

Recycling as a rule
Is now in our school
So we all help out
It's easy-without a doubt!

So keep water clean
Start recycling
Because that is what
The Green Flag's all about.



Plant the Right Plants with Proper Landscape Design & Irrigation

Whether you are putting in a new landscape or slowly changing the current landscaping at your home, select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions.

