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## The Inside Story: Water Conservation At Home



Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.



Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.

Use plants that require less water.



Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.



Get an Energy Star labeled washing machine.

Wash only full loads.

Use a low flow showerhead.



Take shorter showers — five minutes or less is best.



Turn off the water while soaping hands and brushing teeth.



Turn off sink faucet while scrubbing dishes and pots.



Install new toilets that use less than 1.6 gallons per flush.



Put faucet aerators on sink faucets.

Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walkways.



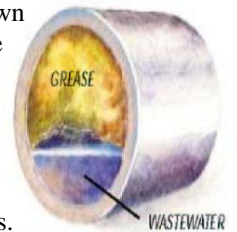
Keep **FATS, OILS & GREASE** Out of Our Sewers



it doesn't stop at the kitchen sink  
proper GREASE disposal avoids plumbing and street repairs.



When grease is poured down the sink, or poured into the toilet this is what the pipes start to look like.



Disposing of fats, oils and grease properly avoids plumbing and street repairs.



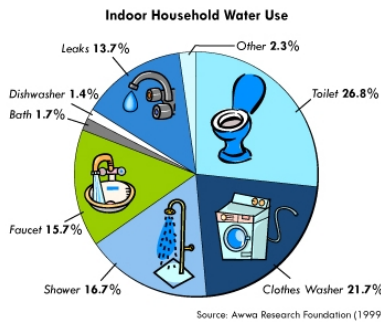
Cool it. Can it. Trash it!



**Fight F.O.G.**  
Fats, Oils & Grease clog your drains!

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## WATER USAGE AROUND THE WORLD



Every **Drop** counts

# 2013 FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING PROGRAM

Brainerd Public Utilities makes bulb recycling as easy as a trip to your local hardware store. And, we'll even help pay the recycling fee. Here's how it works:

- Take your used bulbs\*, and one coupon per bulb, to:  
 Brainerd Ace Hardware  
 214 West Washington Street  
 Brainerd, MN 56401
- Each coupon gives you 50 cents off the recycling fee for each qualifying bulb you recycle.
- During 2013, Brainerd Public Utilities will redeem up to 10 coupons per household or a small business that is a BPU customer.

## Bulb Recycling is Good for the Environment, and it's the Law

Used fluorescent and high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps require special care because they contain a small amount of mercury. Because mercury is harmful to the environment, Minnesota law prohibits the disposal of fluorescent bulbs in household garbage.

Although fluorescent bulbs may require special care after they've burned out, they'll last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, and they use 75 percent less energy. With today's improved lighting technology, you can get the same warm quality of light as regular bulbs.



\*Circular fluorescent tubes, U-bend fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, high-intensity discharge lamps, fluorescent tubes up to eight feet in length.

**BEFORE DIGGING:** Call Gopher State One at **1-800-252-1166** for water and electric locations. All requests for locations must be made by calling the above toll free number at least **48 hours** before digging begins.

**NOTICE:** All electrical work performed in the City of Brainerd requires a "Request for Electrical Inspection" form to be filed, and work inspected by our inspector. Please call **825-3210** or **829-2193** for more information.

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Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
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