

# Pointers For Parents

## Raising Water-Wise Kids

(NAPSA)—As temperatures soar, saving water, money and the environment can be child's play with these easy tips for you and your kids:

### Inspire The Desire For Conservation

You can easily show your whole family why saving water is so important!

♦ Visit a lake or the ocean—a key fact to share is that 97 percent of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2 percent is locked in ice caps and glaciers. So that leaves just 1 percent for all living creatures, including plants, animals and people.

♦ Find a role model. He's appeared as a master of the seven seas and an unlikely sheriff of a parched desert town, so actor Johnny Depp may be able to inspire your kids to think a little more about water conservation. His latest movie, "Rango," is about a sheltered chameleon who stumbles into a dusty town called Dirt that's short on water and long on villains. A hilarious take on classic Westerns that's fun for kids and adults alike, "Rango" is now available on Blu-ray and DVD and will get kids laughing while showing them the importance of water conservation and that anyone can make a positive difference.

♦ You can also take the family on a trip to an aquarium or zoo and ask the keepers about water's importance to the animals. (And don't forget to visit the chameleons so you can see a real "Rango.")

Here are some tips for your kids on saving water:

### Save Water Indoors

♦ **Take a short shower rather than a bath**, which generally uses more water. A cool shower on a hot day feels great.

♦ **Think before you flush.** Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.



**Kids can learn to appreciate water after watching the DVD of "Rango," about a chameleon who wants to be a hero in a dusty Western town.**

The fewer times you flush, the more water you save.

♦ **Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.** Plus, try catching all the water that goes down the drain for a day in a bucket—you'll see it's a lot!

♦ **Tell Mom or Dad about any leaky faucets**—one leaky faucet can waste a lot of water.

♦ **If you have an aquarium**, reuse the water for houseplants.

### Save Water Outdoors

♦ **Use the hose where it's needed.** If you're going to play with the hose to cool off, turn it on in a part of the yard that can use some watering.

♦ **Help your parents water the lawn or garden at night or early in the morning.** This is the best way to prevent evaporation (that's when water disappears into the air).

♦ **Use a bucket and a hose** with a nozzle when you wash your bicycle or your parents' car. Better yet, use the water you saved when you brushed your teeth.

♦ **Don't forget that every drop counts;** use a broom to sweep the driveway or sidewalk, not precious water.

Discover more about this movie at [www.rangomovie.com](http://www.rangomovie.com).