



Ways to Conserve Water at Home



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4. Don't run your dishwasher or washing machine until it's full.
5. Use a rain barrel to water your plants instead of using water from the hose.
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