Direct and Virtual Water Use Game Cards

Instructions

Make multiple copies of the sheets with cards. Cut out the cards on both sheets, creating a set. Put each set in a bag or envelope and mix the cards well. Then divide the class into groups, give each group one set of cards, and instruct them to sort the cards into examples of direct and virtual water use. Use the answer key to evaluate each group’s results, and then announce the group with the most cards as the winner!

Answer Key

DIRECT WATER CONSERVATION

Fixing your leaky faucets
Installing a low-flow showerhead
Installing faucets aerators on kitchen and bathroom water fixtures
Turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth
Using a shorter wash cycle on your dishwasher
Using a shorter wash cycle on your washing machine
Watering your lawn in the early morning or evening
Watering your lawn with a hose and spray nozzle instead of a sprinkler

VIRTUAL WATER CONSERVATION

Buying food from a farmers’ market rather than food that was delivered from far away
Buying jeans from a resale store instead of buying new jeans
Buying products made from recycled paper
Eating at least one vegetarian meal per week
Eating more whole foods and fewer processed foods
Reusing containers instead of buying new ones
Riding your bike instead of riding in a car
Turning off the lights when no one is using a room
Direct Water Use Game Cards

- Using a shorter wash cycle on your washing machine
- Installing a low-flow showerhead
- Turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth
- Using a shorter wash cycle on your dishwasher
- Watering your lawn with a hose and spray nozzle instead of a sprinkler
- Installing faucets aerators on kitchen and bathroom water fixtures
- Fixing your leaky faucets
- Watering your lawn in the early morning or evening
Virtual Water Use Game Cards

- Buying jeans from a resale store instead of buying new jeans
- Eating at least one vegetarian meal per week
- Reusing containers instead of buying new ones
- Buying food from a farmers’ market rather than food that was delivered from far away
- Turning off the lights when no one is using a room
- Riding your bike instead of riding in a car
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