



Water Resources in Chicago

Water Conservation and Storm Water Management

- **City of Chicago Department of Environment Resources.** Available at <http://www.cityofchicago.org/Environment> or by request from your liaison. Click on "Water" under "Initiatives and Programs." Website includes:
 - Water Conservation Tips (including a pdf of the "Save the Source" brochure)
 - Information on Rain Barrels
 - Water Quality and Stormwater Management Tips (including pdfs of the "Guide to Stormwater Best Management Practices in Chicago," "Rain Garden Brochure," and "Guide to Disconnecting Your Downspout")
- **City of Chicago Department of Water Management.** <http://www.cityofchicago.org/watermanagement>.
- **H2Ouse.** A comprehensive website about saving water, from the California Urban Water Conservation Council <http://www.h2ouse.org>
- **Water Conservation Tips.** From Mono Lake, California: <http://www.monolake.org/socalwater/wctips.htm>

Lake Michigan

- **Alliance for the Great Lakes.** <http://www.greatlakes.org/>. One of C3's partners, the Alliance works to conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource through policy, education and local efforts.
- **Great Lakes Information Network.** <http://www.great-lakes.net/>. An intergovernmental partnership that provides one place online for people to find information relating to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region of North America.
- **The Great Lakes: An Environmental Atlas and Resource Book.** From the EPA. Available at <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/atlas/>.
- **Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.** <http://www.glrc.us/>. The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC) is a wide-ranging, cooperative effort to design and implement a strategy for the restoration, protection and sustainable use of the Great Lakes.

Chicago River

- **Friends of the Chicago River.** <http://chicagoriver.org>. A C3 partner dedicated to restoring the river's health.
- **Chicago River.** Complete history of the Chicago River from the online *Encyclopedia of Chicago*: <http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/263.html>

Top 10 Indoor Water Conservation Tips

- Fix leaky faucets and toilets.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
- Make sure the toilet flapper does not stick open after flushing.
- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when full.
- Keep your shower to under five minutes.
- Install low-volume toilets. Or, if your toilet was installed prior to 1980, place a bottle filled with water in your toilet tank.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.
- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Use leftover drinking water to water your houseplants.
- Rinse dishes in a sink-full instead of with the tap. Use a dishwasher if you have one, which actually uses less water than washing dishes by hand.

Top 5 Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

- Use a rain barrel to water your plants.
- Sweep your sidewalk instead of using a hose.
- Plant native plants that require less water than traditional landscaping.
- Water your lawn less frequently, only during dry spells and in the early morning.
- When washing your car, use a bucket and sponge, or take it to a car-wash that recycles their water.

