



# Water Stewardship - Self Assessment



Below are some questions from [Caring For God's Creation](#) to help you assess your knowledge and use of the water supply and find ways to use this resource more wisely. These questions can be used individually or in community. Try doing the assessment now and again in a month and see what progress you make!

Yes No

- Do I know where our water comes from?
- Do I know whether that source area is under stress from development or industrial and human waste, pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers?
- Do I honor the real Source—our Creator- who “made springs flow into channels that wind among the mountains” (Psalm 104:10)
- Do I leave the water running when I brush my teeth, wash my dishes, or wash my car?
- Do I have water-saving (low-flow) showerheads and low-flow aerators on my faucets?
- Do I have a space occupier in the toilet tank, if I have a 3-gallon, older model?
- Do I do laundry only when I have a full load?
- If I have a dishwasher, do I run it when it is not full of dishes?
- Do I use phosphate-free dishwasher detergent?
- Do I water my lawn?
- Do I collect rainwater and/or dish rinse water that I can use for watering the gar-



How long does it take for me to take a shower? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion:



How might my attitude toward water use change if I had to draw our water from a well or a pond and carry it to my home each day (which millions of people must do)?



Based on my self-assessment, what habits can I change to reflect a greater respect for the waters God created?

- A.
- B.
- C.



What can we do in our parish communities or schools to encourage more water conservation?

- A.
- B.
- C.



Who has the responsibility for the use and protection of rivers that run through more than one city, state, or country? Is justice connected to the answer to this question?

