



SPRINGS

FLORIDA'S **FRAGILE** FOUNTAINS OF YOUTH

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To protect springs we ALL need to use less water and reduce the amount of nitrogen contaminating groundwater. **Here is how YOU can help:**

- Eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides in your yard (If you absolutely must use fertilizers, use ones with slow release nitrogen and little to no phosphorus)
- Plant native trees and shrubs because they need little or no fertilizer and irrigation
- Replace your lawn with native vegetation which won't need irrigation once established
- Irrigate only when plants show signs of wilting (turn off automatic systems)
- Use microirrigation if shrubs and trees need irrigation (established plants may not need it)
- Check your irrigation system for leaks quarterly and make sure your rainfall shut off device is working properly (your system should not turn on after a good rain)
- Limit showers to 5 minutes or less
- Install shower heads with a maximum flow rate of 2 gallons per minute
- Fix all leaks- check faucets, showers, toilets, sprinklers, etc.
- Install toilets that use a maximum of 1.28 gallons per flush
- Don't leave water running while washing dishes, shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
- Don't pre-rinse dishes and only run dishwashers when full

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