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**TAP INTO MORE SAVINGS**  
*Saving Water Saves You Money*

NORTHWEST OHIO, Ohio, January 7, 2004 – A flush here... a drip there... it all adds up to thousands of gallons of water down your drain each year. Homeowners in Northwest Ohio can make a few water-savings changes around the house and yard that will save money and protect our waterways.

Through a collaborative partnership, the *Give Water a Hand* program is educating residents of Northwest Ohio about water conservation and the protection of our streams, rivers, and lakes. “Clean water benefits plants, wildlife, and all who live, work, and play in this area,” says Kurt Erichsen, Give Water a Hand Project Manager.

Here are some simple things that you can do to protect and save water:

In the House:

- Run full loads of laundry or use the appropriate load size settings. You’ll save electricity as well as water.
- Insulate hot water pipes – this reduces the amount of water that needs to run before the hot water is delivered.

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Give Water a Hand is a cooperative education effort among the following:

Maumee RAP (419-241-9155)  
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council  
of Governments (419-241-9155)  
Lucas County (419-213-4500)  
City of Northwood (419-693-9327)  
City of Oregon (419-698-7047)

Village of Haskins (419-823-1911)  
Village of Holland (419-865-7104)  
Village of Millbury (419-836-9671)  
Village of Ottawa Hills (419-536-1111)  
Village of Waterville (419-878-8100)  
Village of Whitehouse (419-877-5383)

Township of Jerusalem (419-836-8921)  
Township of Monclova (419-865-7862)  
Township of Spencer (419-865-2883)  
Township of Springfield (419-865-0239)  
Township of Sylvania (419-882-0031)  
Township of Washington (419-726-6621)

Township of Waterville (419-878-5176)  
Ohio Environmental Education Fund  
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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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### In the Kitchen:

- Don't let the faucet run when you clean vegetables. Rinse them in a stoppered sink or pan of clean water.
- Run full loads in the dishwasher. It uses the same amount of water whether it is a full load or just has a few dishes in it.

### In The Yard:

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- If you water your lawn, one inch a week is all it needs.

### In The Bathroom:

- Don't let the faucet run while you brush your teeth, wash your hands or shave. Each time you turn off the faucet you can save 1 to 4 gallons of water.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Flushing tissues, cigarette butts, spiders or anything else that belongs in the trash wastes water.

The *Give Water a Hand: You Can Make a Difference* campaign is a cooperative educational effort focused on educating residents of Northwest Ohio about storm water and other water quality issues. The average citizen does impact water quality and can make a positive difference. The Maumee RAP (Remedial Action Plan) and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) are partnering with local cities, villages, and townships to educate the region about improving water quality and managing water quantity.

For more information about the *Give Water a Hand* program, please call 419-241-9155 or visit us at [www.MaumeeRAP.org](http://www.MaumeeRAP.org).

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