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### Give Thanks...and Conserve Water

*Enjoy friends, family and food without gobbling extra water*

#### Five Ways to Save Water This Weekend



- ❖ **Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator the night before they are needed instead of running hot water over them the same day.**
- ❖ **Rinse vegetables and fruits in a sink or pan filled with water instead of under running water. As an added bonus, use this water on houseplants.**
- ❖ **Select the proper size pans for cooking. Large pans require more cooking water than may be necessary.**
- ❖ **Scrape food scraps into the garbage can or a composting bin, rather than rinsing them into the sink's garbage disposal.**
- ❖ **Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load of dishes.**

**West Palm Beach, FL** — At the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Thanksgiving serves as a reminder to be thankful for South Florida's water resources and encourage a year-round ethic of conservation.

During the holiday season, water is typically used at every step—from defrosting to cooking to cleaning up after the feast. The amount of water used indoors can escalate with the preparation and clean-up process for large meals and gatherings.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, following any one of the water conservation tips listed above could save 10 gallons of water. If every American household reduced water use by 10 gallons on just Thanksgiving Day, it would save more than 1 billion gallons of water, as well as save energy or materials used to pump, heat or treat tap water.

For more information on saving water year-round, visit [www.savewaterfl.com](http://www.savewaterfl.com).

For information on the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule currently in effect, please visit [www.sfwmd.gov/2days](http://www.sfwmd.gov/2days).

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**About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*