

# Here Are Few Things You Can Do To Save Water, Energy & Birds

## EACH DROP COUNTS

Be mindful of your water usage. Turn off water when brushing your teeth and take shorter showers. Use dishwashers and washing machines for full loads only.

## CHECK FOR LEAKS

Most homes have an outdoor meter that indicates when water is being used. Turn off all water and check the meter to see if water is flowing. If so, investigate.

## UPGRADE YOUR TOILET

Flush less water and save money on your water bill when you upgrade to a high-efficiency toilet.

## GET A FREE ENERGY AUDIT

Did you know that saving water saves energy? Many utility companies offer free energy audits to help you save energy, water, and money.

## LANDSCAPE RESPONSIBLY

Save water outdoors by ditching the grass and planting native plants. Visit [Audubon.org/PlantsForBirds](http://Audubon.org/PlantsForBirds) to learn more.

## Why Save Water?

Saving water now will create a healthy future for Florida benefiting birds and people. Creating simple changes in how Floridians view and use water can make a big difference. Reducing water use is easy and each person plays an important role.

## Birds and Water

Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems in the world, providing valuable services including water quality improvement, flood protection and shoreline stabilization. Birds are highly dependent on water for shelter, food and reproduction.

Wading birds, like sandhill cranes, are highly dependent on water for reproduction. Their breeding colonies are often located in islands surrounded by water for protection from land predators.

Other birds, like eagles and ospreys, are highly dependent on water bodies to catch fish for food. Water promotes presence of living organisms indispensable for a healthy food web.

## WATER CONSERVATION CHALLENGE

Everglade Snail Kite

**I pledge to save water and energy to benefit birds and wildlife.**

### Indoors

- ☐ Install aerators on sink faucets
- ☐ Check for leaky faucets and toilets
- ☐ Replace old appliances to energy efficient
- ☐ Get a free home energy audit
- ☐ Change to compact fluorescent light bulb/LED lights
- ☐ Turn off lights/appliances when not in use

### Outdoors

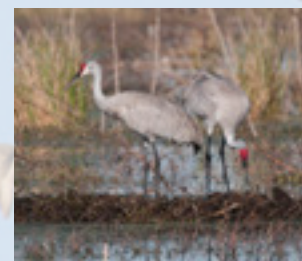
- ☐ Plant native landscapes
- ☐ Skip a water cycle
- ☐ Visit [WaterForFloridasFuture.org](http://WaterForFloridasFuture.org) for more ideas

### I can do more

- ☐ Buy local
- ☐ Make sensible choices for travel – carpool, bicycle, public transportation
- ☐ Become an Audubon Community Steward
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Follow The Path To Water, Energy And Bird Conservation

Bald Eagle



Sandhill Cranes



Osprey







For more than a century, Audubon has encouraged people to take care of the places that make Florida special. Using science to guide our priorities and birdlife to measure ecosystem health, Audubon advocates for the protection of land, water, and wildlife.

The Audubon Center for Birds of Prey is an urban environmental nature center focused on the rescue, medical treatment, rehabilitation and release of Florida's raptors (birds of prey). Open to the public, the Center offers environmental education opportunities for all ages.


Through the dedication and generosity of our donors, Audubon is able to protect Florida's birds and conserve their habitats. With science-driven conservation, Audubon works with businesses, communities and government leaders to solve Florida's most pressing environmental problems. Audubon is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization funded by foundations, corporations and individuals committed to conservation.

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**For more resources and information on water and energy conservation call us or check out the information below.**

**Become an Audubon Community Steward:** Community stewards are individuals that accept the pledge to take steps to be water and energy efficient. Visit [WaterForFloridasFuture.org](http://WaterForFloridasFuture.org)

**Audubon's Plants for Birds Program:** By choosing native plants, you can provide habitat and a safe haven for birds and other wildlife. Native plants require less water and are low maintenance. Visit [Audubon.org/PlantsForBirds](http://Audubon.org/PlantsForBirds)

**Join Audubon's Action Network:** The only way we'll be successful in our conservation efforts is with your help. Join our action network to lend your voice to the issues affecting birds, wildlife and their habitats. Visit [fl.audubon.org/SignUp](http://fl.audubon.org/SignUp) to join.

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### FREE ADMISSION FOR TWO

Bring this voucher and tell us at least three things you are doing at home to protect the WEB and you'll receive free admission for two at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey.

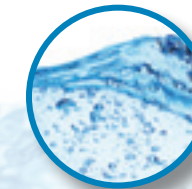


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Osprey



### Water

Our most important resource. All living things depend on it.



### Energy

We all use energy in our daily lifestyle.



### Birds

They are environmental indicators of the healthy ecosystems.

### What's the connection?

Water is used to create energy and a lot of energy is created to move water.  
Saving one helps save the other!

Audubon Florida's Water for Florida's Future program engages the public in water and energy conservation. Florida faces major challenges with water supply and getting our diverse and changing population to conserve water.

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