

THINGS WE CAN DO TO MAINTAIN THE ISLAND WATER TABLE

During the summer months, any rain that we get does not go to the replenishing our water table, but is taken up by trees and vegetation. These past 2 or 3 years, we have been coming up short in the rainfall department, and this spring appears to be a sorry continuation of the trend. While we sincerely hope for an increase in the rainfall, it appears we would be wise to plan for the worst case scenario. Also, as we are all aware, our population grows greatly during the summer months, increasing the demand on our finite water supply. Every conscientious Islander's co-operation is needed to protect our valuable water table. So here are a few suggestions:-

1. Check faucets and lines for leaks. You can do this by turning off all taps in the house, & check your meter. No movement means a tight system.
2. Install low flush toilets (6 liter). Some water districts offer rebates for every installation within their district. In the short term, put a plastic container of water in the water closet of your toilet. (Make sure this does not reduce your flushing ability, causing people to flush twice, and defeating the purpose)
3. Do not run taps until the water cools, but keep a container of water in the fridge.
4. Install a rainwater collection system for your garden watering, hot tubs and pools. Big tanks or several small barrels all make a difference. Reserve the system water for household use only.
5. Do not use pressure-washing devices using the system water
6. Use you washing machine and dishwasher with full loads only.
7. Educate your guests and tenants about water conservation. They will take the experience back to their community, spreading the conservation message.
8. Shower with a friend who drives a dusty car. As with all recommendations, certain conditions apply !

The thoughtful use of our Island water
will assure a continuous supply of potable water to your home.

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