

## Educational booklet distribution to school-age children 2021

For the second year, the Covid Pandemic managed to eliminate our tried and true methods of distribution. We normally shared these booklets with all third graders in the county at the annual Third Grade Ag Day event in the Spring and other in-person events. As we did in 2020, we used a more passive way of reaching our youth by providing the local 4H office, our county parks and recreation department and our local libraries with booklets for pickup. Some of these were displayed alongside and a part of an educational display cube at the library and some as a part of Grab and Go activity bags for 4H'ers. Total booklet distribution for 2021 was 125# booklets.

# Healthy Water Healthy People

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HEALTHY WATER FOR  
HEALTHY PEOPLE

WATER QUALITY  
MONITORING

WHAT'S YOUR  
POINT

HEALTHY WATER  
HOPSCOTCH

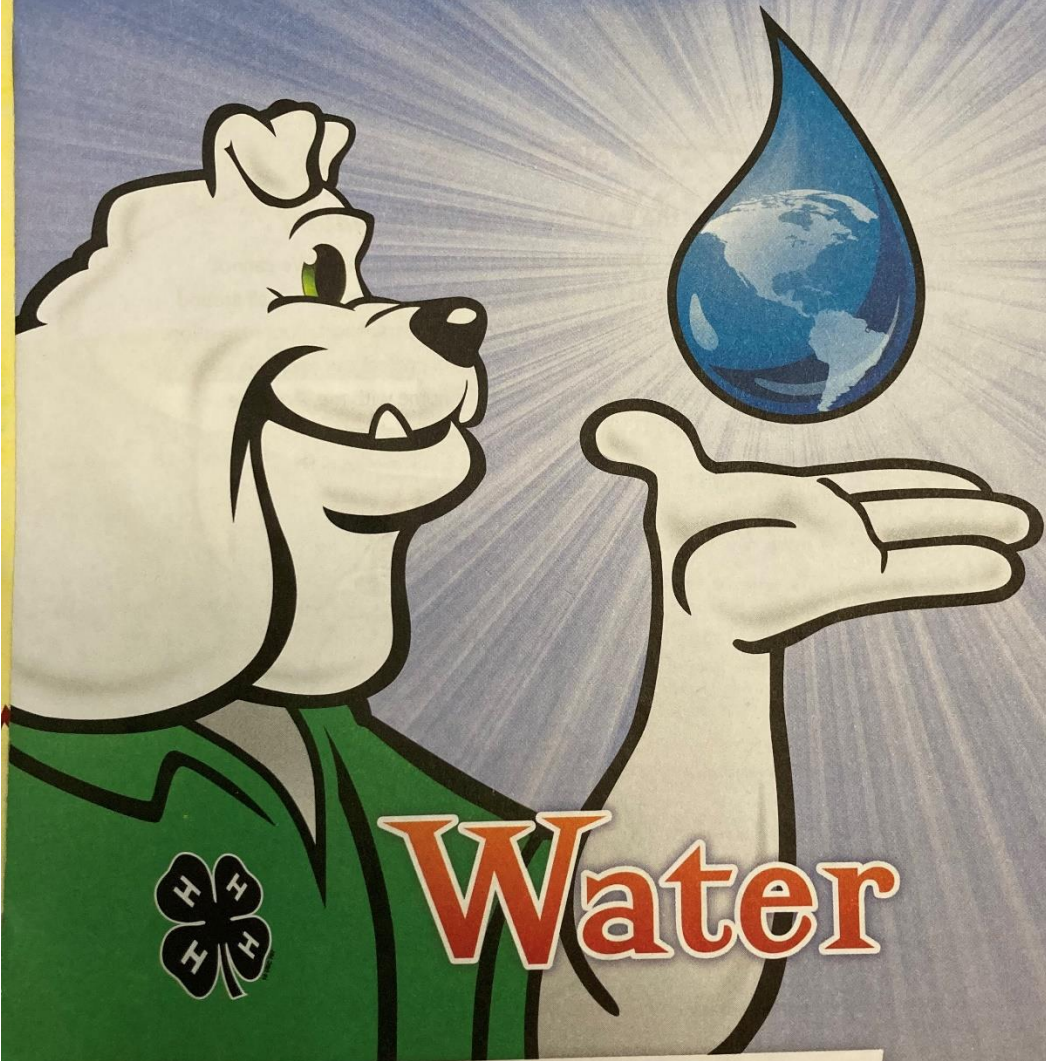
WATER QUALITY  
BELIEVE IT OR NOT

WINDOWS INTO  
WATER QUALITY

RESTORING  
WATERS



# Friends




# Water

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_





# Every Drop Counts



Water is a precious resource in Georgia and its neighboring states. Growing demand is squeezing our water resources dry, causing natural habitat degradation and impacting our everyday use of water. We have no choice but to pay more attention to how we are using water, and how we may be wasting it. We must bridge the gap between our understanding of how important water is to our survival and what we can do to ensure that we have an adequate supply of clean water for years to come. Inside is a list of many simple ways we can take action and conserve water, both inside and outside our homes.

## EVERY DROP COUNTS!

### Watching Water Wasters

- ◆ Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. 
- ◆ Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash.
- ◆ Replace your showerhead with an ultra low-flow version, saving up to 2.5 gallons per minute.
- ◆ In the shower, instead of increasing the hot or cold water flow to adjust the water temperature, try decreasing the flow to achieve a comfortable water temperature. 
- ◆ Don't let the water run while shaving, washing your face, or brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Minimize the use of kitchen sink disposals; they require a lot of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing of food waste. 
- ◆ Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run to get a cool glass of water.
- ◆ Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost them overnight in the refrigerator.
- ◆ When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow stream of water from the faucet. Use the dirty water to run your sink disposal if necessary.
- ◆ Fully load automatic dishwashers; they use the same amount of water no matter how much is in them.
- ◆ Unlike your dishwasher, the amount of water your washing machine uses is adjustable; adjust according to the load size. 
- ◆ Buy water saving washing machines. Horizontal loading machines use less water than top-loading machines.
- ◆ Install a hot water recirculation device. By recirculating water that would otherwise go down the drain, you can save 2-3 gallons of water per shower or 16,500 gallons a year per household.
- ◆ Never install a water-to-air heat pump or air-conditioning system. Air-to-air models are just as efficient and do not waste water.
- ◆ Install water-softening systems only when necessary. Save water and salt by running the minimum amount of regenerations necessary. Turn softeners off while on vacation. 