

## Energy

Turning your air conditioning or heating up or down just a few degrees can save considerable energy.

Prevent heat loss by insulating your water heater and pipes.

## Environment

Reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by installing a solar hot water heater.

## Health

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease.

At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-related diseases.

## Water

Using a broom instead of a garden hose to clean your driveway will save 13 gallons every minute you clean.

Putting food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl, without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save 1,000 gallons a month.

Use a hose nozzle while you wash your car. You will save up to 100 gallons every time!

Learn more about activities, view a calendar, read about past World Plumbing Days, download fact sheets, view a video address by the World Plumbing Council Chairman and much more at [www.worldplumbingday.org](http://www.worldplumbingday.org).



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# World Plumbing Day

March 11 every year ... everywhere



## PLUMBING-VITAL TO GLOBAL HEALTH

Many people in developed countries throughout the world take plumbing for granted. They simply turn on a tap or faucet and obtain clean water. Flushing toilets are standard in many countries. However, little thought is given to the engineering expertise provided by plumbers that ensures these systems operate as intended. Equally, few people appreciate the consequences of bad plumbing systems.

In developing countries on the other hand, plumbing is either non-existent or at best very basic. People suffer serious health consequences, and millions of people die as a result of lack of access to clean water and in effective sanitation.

According to the World Health Organisation:

1.1 billion people do not have access to safe water supplies

2.6 billion people do not have access to improved sanitation

3.1 million children die each year from water related diseases

## EFFECTIVE PLUMBING SYSTEMS WOULD IMPROVE ALL OF THESE STATISTICS

Plumbing deserves to be respected, and for that reason the World Plumbing Council (established in 1990 and recognised as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in official relations with the World Health Organisation) has created World Plumbing Day (on 11 March each year) as a means of highlighting the important role played by today's plumbing industry.

On World Plumbing Day, plumbing industry representatives from across the globe are encouraged to do something that draws attention to the role played by the industry.

Previous World Plumbing Day activities have included:

- Bipartisan resolution formally designating March 11 as World Plumbing Day passed by the United States and Canadian Senates
- Parliamentary motions in the Australian & Scottish Parliament drawing attention to the role of the plumbing industry
- Anglican bishop recognises World Plumbing Day during London sermon
- States, provinces, counties and cities worldwide pass resolutions and proclamations
- Industry-sponsored events in Australia, New Zealand, China, USA, UK and India
- Presentations about plumbing and health to school children in the UK, USA, Canada and India
- International poster competition for children
- Street theatre with a plumbing theme in India
- TV, radio, newspaper and online coverage across the globe

Each subsequent World Plumbing Day promises to be bigger and better than the last. Industry bodies throughout the world are actively engaged in organising activities that will help people to realise that **PLUMBING is VITAL TO GLOBAL HEALTH.**