

Saturday, July 28: Surprise activity for children (possibly a water balloon fight?)

Sunday, July 29: Display and craft/activity sponsored by the Farm Bureau.

Monday, July 30: Display and craft/activity sponsored by Three Valley Conservation Trust.

Tuesday, July 31: Display and craft/activity sponsored by Preble County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Wednesday, August 1: Display and craft/activity sponsored by FSA.

Thursday, August 2: Display and craft/activity sponsored by Pork Festival.

Friday, August 3: Display and craft/activity sponsored by Preble County SWD.

# Simply Green

Preble County Solid Waste District

Volume 1, Issue 2

July 25, 2018

Famous Preble County



## Agriculture & Natural Resources Tent at 2018 Preble County Fair to Inform and Entertain Fair Attendees....

Returning this year for the 2018 Preble County Fair is the Agriculture & Natural Resources Tent. Several offices and associations are involved in a joint effort to provide fun and informational attractions at the tent to inform residents about issues important to the conservation of natural resources and in sustainable and sound agricultural practices. The tent is meant to educate and to entertain people of all

ages but kids will especially enjoy the demonstrations and crafts that will occur twice daily at the tent. Hands-on activities and crafts will inspire budding farmers and conservationists. There will be lots of fun giveaways. For example, **an above ground pool will be raffled as an adult prize.** Kids can take part in a scavenger hunt for **prizes including a super soaker!** Take a break from the summer heat and learn

ways to take care of the Earth! This year's theme is "water". The following offices/associations are sponsoring this interesting attraction: Preble County Soil and Water Conservation District, Preble County Solid Waste District, Preble County Farm Bureau, Preble County Pork Festival, The Ohio State University— College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, FSA and Three Valley Trust.

### Water Facts:

- Families use 320 gallons of water per day! Install low flow fixtures and buy energy-efficient dishwashers and laundry machines.
- A dripping faucet wastes more than 1,000 gallons per year. Fix or replace those water wasters!
- Baths use more than 35 gallons of water so shower instead but watch your time! A 20 minute shower can use up to 100 gallons of water.
- More than 35% of water usage happens outdoors so restrict the hours you water your lawn and try to water in the morning or the evening to help decrease evaporation. Water lawns every 5 to 7 days only.
- One toilet flush uses 3 or more gallons of water.



## 10 Clever Ways to Conserve Water At Home:

### 1. Embrace the bucket flush

Well, not literally ... but emotionally. Use a gallon of water, pour it into your toilet in one fell swoop, and behold the miracle of your toilet flushing on its own (depending on your toilet, it may take more than a gallon). And while it may not sound very First World, who cares? It's an awesome trick to know and will come in handy for several of the following tips.

### 2. Take a bucket to the shower

When waiting for the shower water to warm up, collect the cold water that precedes the hot in a large bucket or waste can. That is valuable water! Depending on how quickly your water heats up, the collected water can be used for a number of bucket toilet flushes.

### 3. And while we're at it: shower or bath?

A bath uses up to 70 gallons of water; a five-minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons. That said, if you don't drain your bath after, you can use that water to flush the toilet and water plants. Don't be indulgent with your baths, but if you do, don't let that good water go to waste.

### 4. Don't pre-rinse your dishes

Many modern dishwashers do not require pre-rinsing of dishes – a good scrape should suffice. Read your manual and see if yours suggests the same.

### 5. Load your dishwasher properly

There are right ways and wrong ways to load your dishwasher; doing it incorrectly can lead to still-dirty dishes that require extra water for washing.

### 6. Compost rather than feeding the garbage disposal

In-sink garbage disposal contraptions require a lot of water to do their thing, and they also add solids to a septic tank which can lead to problems. Instead, [use up your food scraps](#) or add them to the compost bin.

### 7. Wash your produce in a tub

Place a basin or large pot in your sink, fill it, and wash your produce in it. Then place it in a colander to drain over the basin. Not only does it save a lot of water, but you can then use that water to flush the toilet or water plants. You can, also rinse produce in a colander if you do it over a bucket and collect the water.

### 8. Don't dump the pot

After cooking pasta or anything else that requires boiling or steaming, save the water, allow it to cool, and use it for bucket flushing or watering the plants.

### 9. Beware the permanent press cycle

The permanent press cycle on most washing machines uses an extra five gallons of water for the additional rinse.

### 10. Turn off the tap

The average faucet releases two gallons of water per minute, you can save up to eight gallons of water every days by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth – if you brush for the recommended two minutes.