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Water Conservation

2.1 billion people worldwide do not have access to clean drinking water. Safe water is a resource that, to us, seems like something we'll always have access to. For many, that is not the case. 1.2 million people die each year because of unsafe water consumption, and clean water can be a rarity in many countries. It's become a privilege to have safe drinking water, a privilege that people in America don't realize they have.

Water conservation is an act that could save millions of lives, but is not widely practiced. Everyone who lives on Earth is responsible for their water consumption and how they use this limited resource. Our oceans and rivers are polluted with oil, chemicals, plastic, and so many other things that make the water dangerous for both the animals living in it and the people drinking it. One of the most impactful things we could do as a society is focusing on environmentalism and

keeping our bodies of water clean from manmade objects.

Reducing consumer use of single use plastic is one of the easiest and most efficient ways to conserve water. It will keep plastic out of our oceans and rivers, keep the animals healthy, and keep the water safe to drink. So many have said it before me, but without environmental conservation, more and more people are going to die as a result of our dying planet. We're taught to reduce, reuse, and recycle from an elementary age. If everyone were to actually implement those words into their lives, more people would have access to clean drinking water. Each year, 1.2 million people succumb due to our ignorance. You don't have to be a superhero to save lives, you just have to care.