

## Public invited to celebrate World Water Day in Abu Dhabi

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Abu Dhabi: To commemorate World Water Day 2009 and to bring awareness to the increasing importance of conserving water, the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD) will organise various activities, which are open to the public and free of charge, on Friday, March 28, 2009 in the Family Park on Abu Dhabi Corniche.

Held under the theme 'Water is For All. Save It', the activities are designed around the core message that everyone holds an individual responsibility to save water, so as to ensure that it will be available for future generation.

The activities, which will start at 5:30pm and continue until 9pm, will include interactive games designed for adults to teach them how to reduce water consumption. Different water experiments and games have also been designed for children of different age groups. Experts in water resources will be available to answer any questions or concerns visitors may have regarding water.

'Walk for Water' is another interactive activity where people can experience how hard it is to walk for water, as is done in poorer countries. Students will be expressing their concerns through their own skits, performances, music and poetry.

These activities will be organised in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Municipality, Ministry of Environment and Water, Abu Dhabi Distribution Company, Gasco, Zayed University and Higher College of Technology.

World Water Day is held annually on March 22. It aims to inspire worldwide political and community action and encourage a greater global understanding of the need for more responsible water use and conservation.

### **10 easy ways to conserve water**

Fix that leak! Leaky faucets can waste thousands of gallons of water each year, like money down the drain. Repair or replace any old or damaged fixtures.

When washing dishes or vegetables in the sink, don't leave the water running.

If you have a pool, use a pool cover to cut down on evaporation. It will also keep your pool cleaner and reduce the need to add chemicals.

Minimise evaporation by watering your plants in the early morning or late at night, when temperatures are cooler.

Don't overfill the kettle when making a cup of tea. Only fill and boil what you need.

Make it a full load. Run your dishwasher only when it's full.

If you have a garden or own a farm, try to plant salt-water tolerant plants or those that don't require a lot of water.

Do not keep water running while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Take quick showers instead of long baths.

Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.

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