



## 2019 Theme

### *AQUA HERO*

#### Background Information and Messages

As the new movie AQUAMAN makes a splash in theaters, the 2019 Water Awareness Video Contest is challenging students to create their own *AQUA HERO* focused on saving the world from water waste and teaching Solano County residents how to preserve our precious water resources.

Here are some of the epic actions your super hero can take to use water efficiently:

##### Indoors:

- Take a power shower by installing a WaterSense showerhead, taking shorter showers and turning off the water while washing your hair
- Turn off the water when rinsing dishes, soaping hands, brushing teeth or shaving
- Check plumbing and appliances for leaks and fix them within 48 hours
- Install a high-efficiency WaterSense-labeled toilet (1.28 gallons per flush)
- Check your toilet for leaks by putting dye tablets or food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there's a leak that should be repaired
- Install a high-efficiency clothes washing machine

##### Outdoors:

- Replace thirsty lawn with native, climate-appropriate plants and drip irrigation
- Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow down evaporation
- Adjust sprinkler heads so that the water lands on the lawn or garden where it belongs and not on the sidewalk or street
- Water early in the morning or later at night to reduce evaporation
- Check your sprinkler timer monthly and adjust according to the weather
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your garden hose
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean your sidewalk and driveway

More water-saving tips are available at [solanosaveswater.org](http://solanosaveswater.org).

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