

LEARN HOW TO SAVE WATER WITH
**CONSERVIN' MERVYN
& FRIENDS**

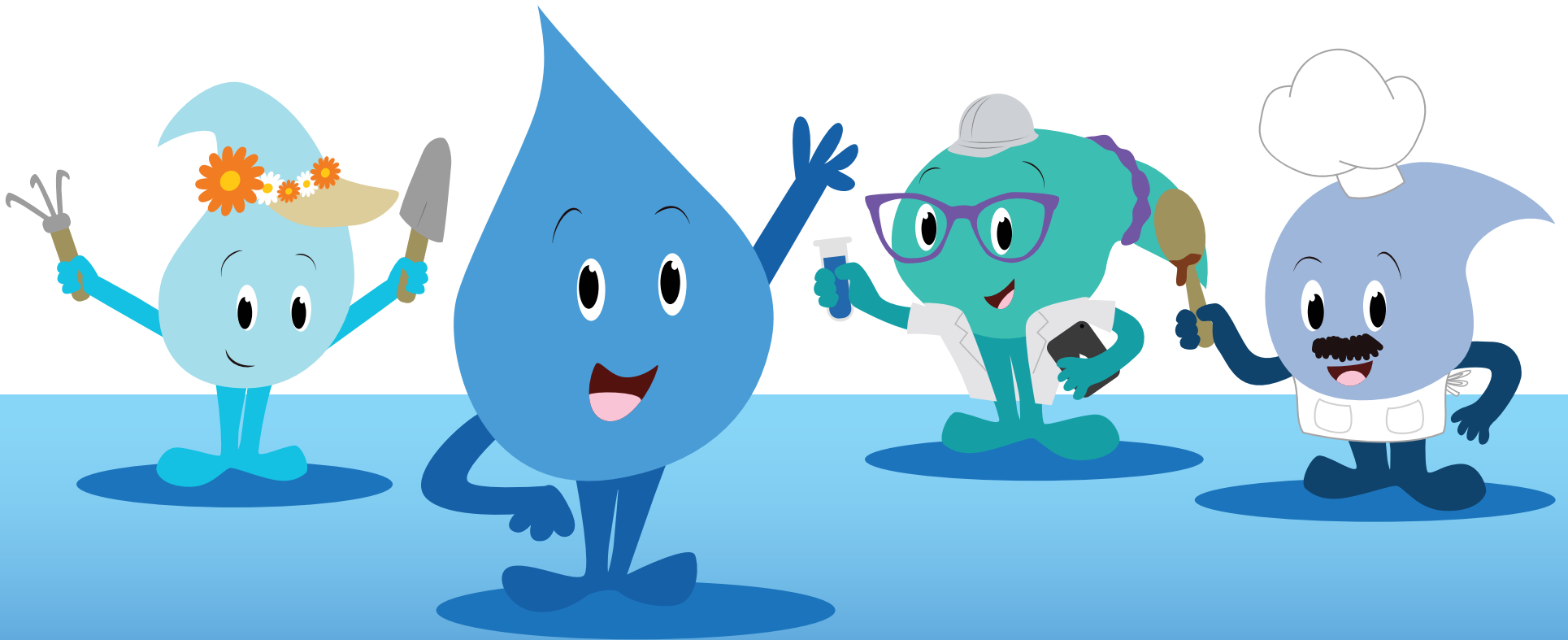




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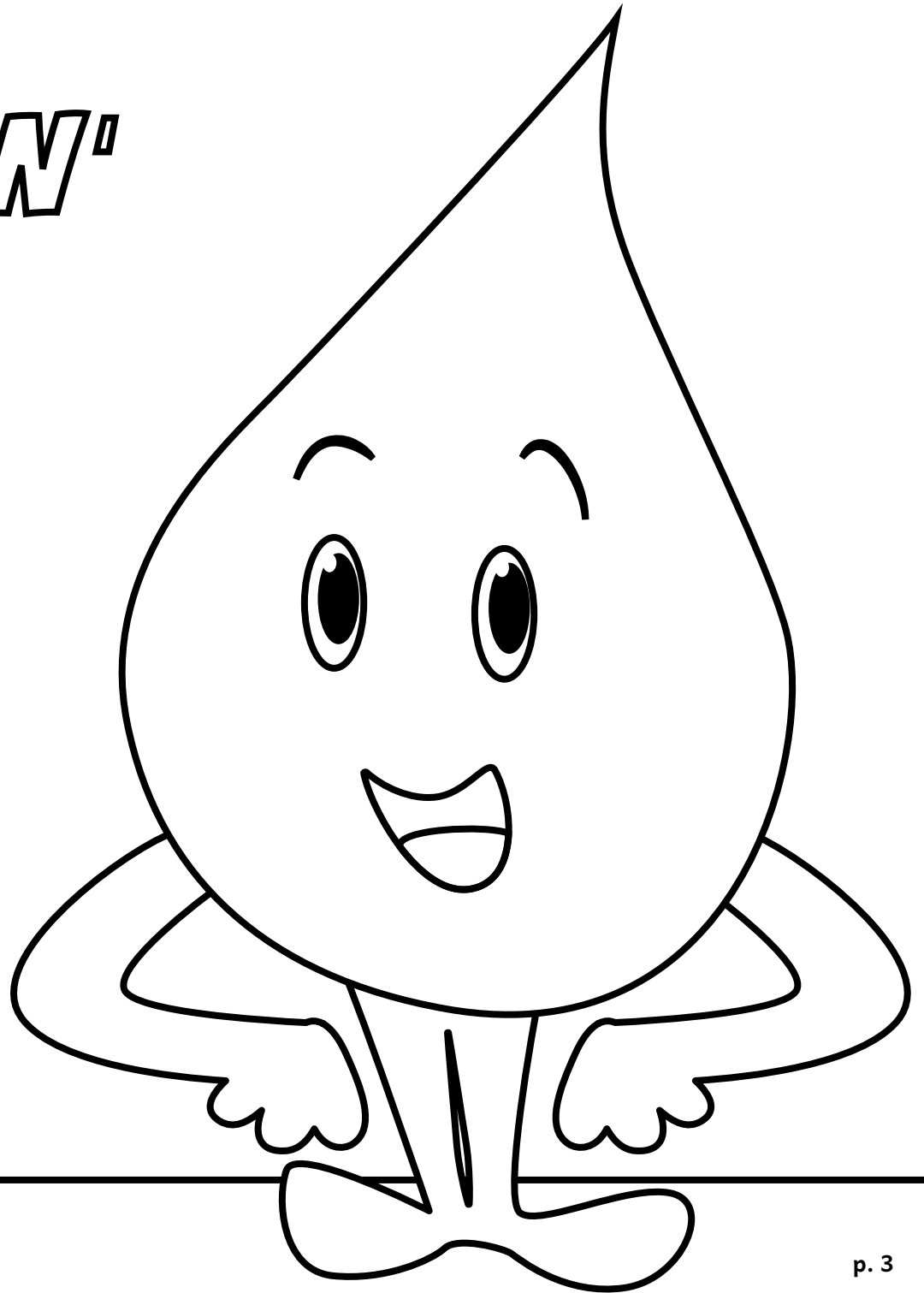
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ABOUT LONG BEACH UTILITIES

Long Beach Utilities serves nearly 500,000 people in 50 square miles, providing high quality, safe and delicious drinking water and wastewater management for Long Beach, as well as natural gas services for Long Beach and Signal Hill. Long Beach Utilities serves about 150,000 gas accounts and 90,000 water and sewer accounts. With the foundation of roughly 500 dedicated employees, the department maintains 1,600 miles of water and sewer mains, 1,900 miles of gas pipeline and a dedicated groundwater treatment plant, and also provides 24/7 emergency response. To learn more visit LBUtilities.org. Follow us on social media on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter [@LBUtilities](https://twitter.com/LBUtilities).

CONSERVIN' ***MERVYN***

Meet Long Beach Utilities' true blue official conservation mascot. You can make him any color you want in this book, though! Look for Mervyn at real life Long Beach Utilities events. He loves to say hi to his fans and learn about what you're doing to save water the Long Beach way!



SUSTAINABILITY

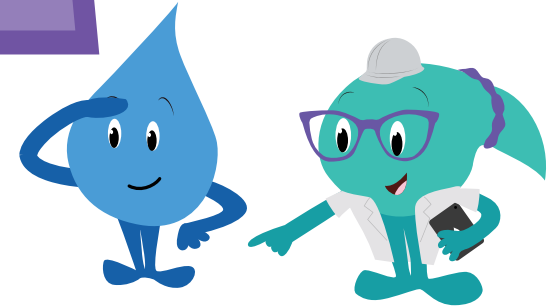
SYDNEY



Long Beach Utilities' friendly scientist loves to talk about all the work the LB Utilities team does to ensure there is excellent water for us now and in the future.

WATER-WISE WORD SEARCH

Mervyn and Sydney are looking for words that help people learn about saving water. Can you help them find them?



Water	A tasteless and odorless liquid that makes life on Earth possible.
Rain	Water falling in drops from the clouds.
Drought	A long period with little or no rain.
Conserve	To take actions that save water and other natural resources.
Reduce	To use less water in your everyday life.
Leaks	A very important thing to check for and fix during a drought and always! This can look like drips from faucets, or holes in hoses or sprinklers.
Timer	A helpful tool that can shut off sprinklers automatically or help you take shorter showers.
Native	Look for this word when choosing plants for your garden. It means that plant is found in nature around where you live and uses far less water.

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NEED A HINT? Check out the answer key on the last page!

LANDSCAPE LESLIE



Leslie loves nature and helping Long Beach Utilities customers learn ways to conserve in their gardens, where more than half of water is used! She's an expert on creating beautiful, water-wise landscapes using native plants and other tricks to replace thirsty lawns and flowers.

LESLIE'S WATERING MAZE

Landscape Leslie's drought-friendly plants don't get thirsty often, but when they do, it's important to water them early in the morning or late in the evening when it's cooler outside. This keeps the water from drying up.

Help Leslie give her garden a drink by guiding the water droplet through the long, windy hose. Watch out for the dead ends! Every drop is precious.



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GOURMET GARY

GOURMET GARY'S TREATO BURRITO

Ingredients:

8" Wheat Tortilla
Peanut Butter
1 Banana
Honey
Granola

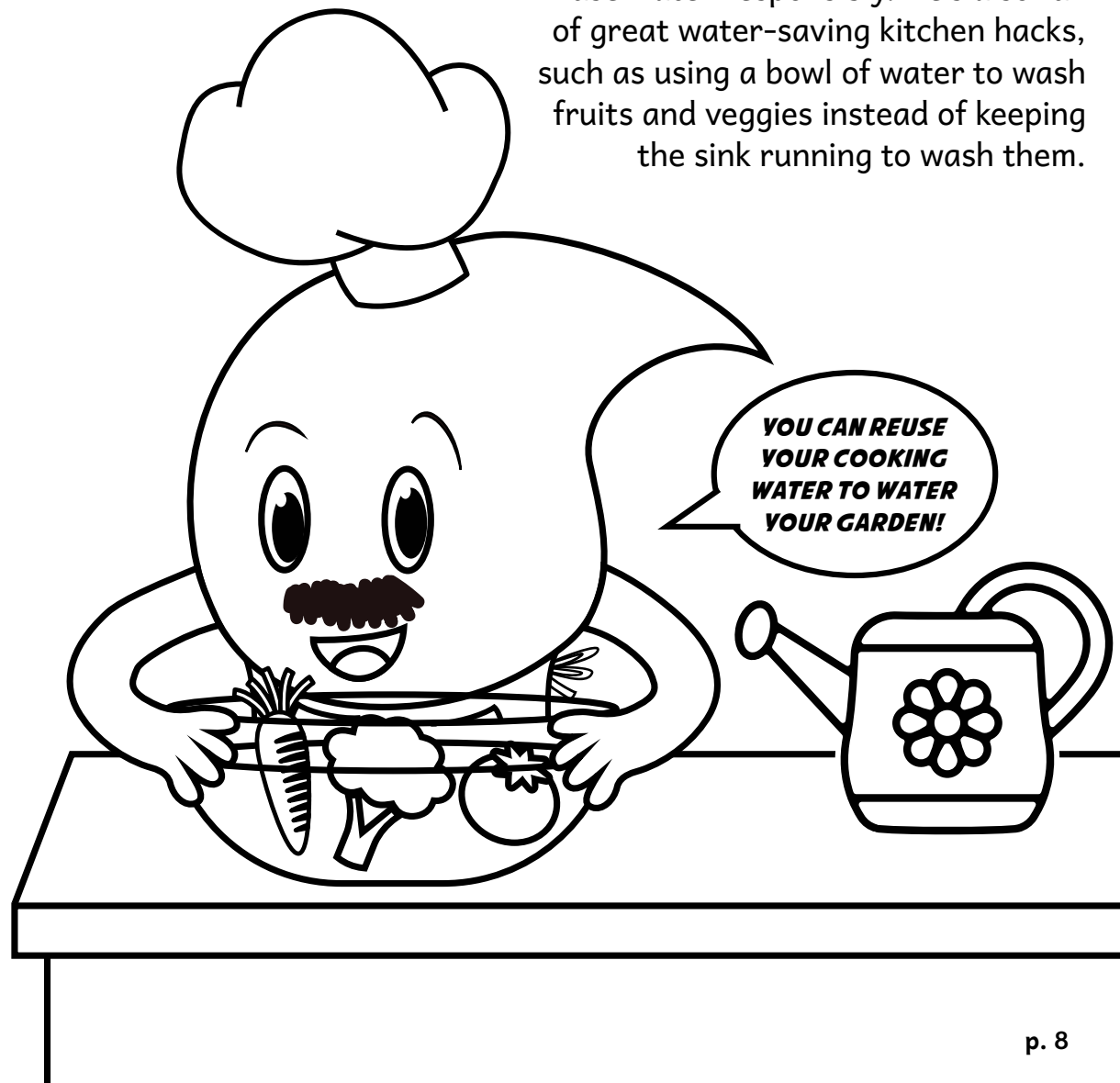
Directions:

1. Lay tortilla flat on countertop/plate/cutting board
2. Spread peanut butter evenly on top of the tortilla
3. Drizzle honey
4. Sprinkle granola on top
5. Place banana in the middle of the tortilla
6. Roll the tortilla with the ingredients inside up like a burrito
7. Cut it down the middle
8. ENJOY!

Recipe by:

Dwayne, LB Utilities Water Utility Mechanic III
Son Dylan, age 11
Daughter Zoë, age 5

Gary brings his passion for conservation to the kitchen and the Long Beach restaurant scene. He loves letting people know all the best places to grab food and drinks that use water responsibly. He's also full of great water-saving kitchen hacks, such as using a bowl of water to wash fruits and veggies instead of keeping the sink running to wash them.



HEALTHY SEWERS MATCH GAME

Did you know Long Beach Utilities also takes care of our sewer system? And we need your help to keep sewer lines healthy and clean. Make sure greasy stuff that clogs pipes stays out of the drain, garbage disposal and toilet.

Can you guess which items are OK or not OK to go down the toilet, sink and trash? Draw a line to where you think each item should go!



Non-greasy food scraps



Spoiled milk



Fats



Toilet paper



Eggshells



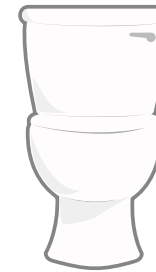
Pee



Dish soap



Poop



Toilet



Sink/disposal



Trash

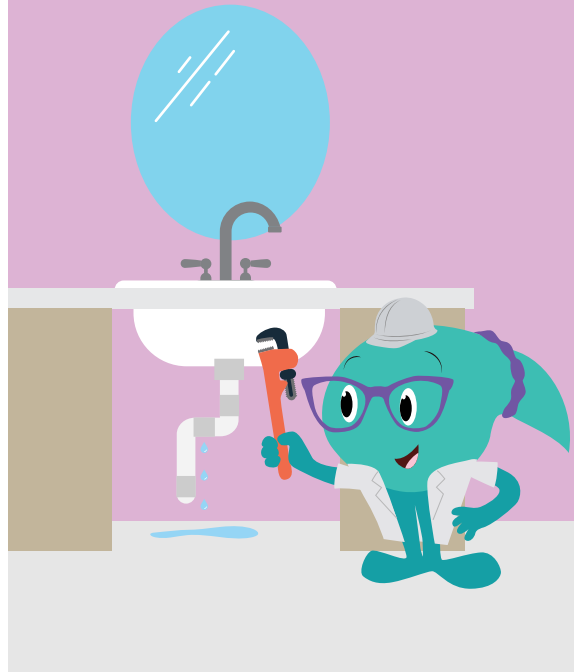
WATER-SAVING TIP CHECKLIST

Small steps add up to big water savings. Save this checklist as a reminder for all the ways you can do your part to save water!

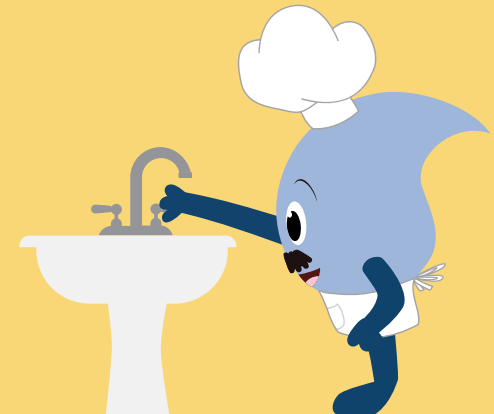
- ☐ **SHORTEN YOUR SHOWER**
Shaving just one minute off your shower can save a lot. It's OK to start small! Try taking a one-song-shower like Mervyn!



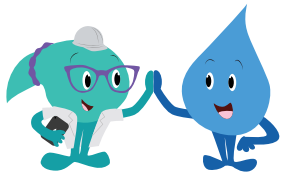
- ☐ **SPOT A LEAK?
SAY SOMETHING!**
Tell an adult immediately if you see a leak!



- ☐ **DON'T KEEP THE
FAUCET RUNNING**
Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth and washing your hands with soap.



DID YOU KNOW THAT CONSERVIN' MERVYN, SUSTAINABILITY SYDNEY, GOURMET GARY AND LANDSCAPE LESLIE EACH HAVE PROGRAMS TO HELP LONG BEACH UTILITIES CUSTOMERS SAVE WATER? Below are just a few, share with an adult to tell them about ways they can live the Long Beach water-wise lifestyle!



The WaterSmart Customer Portal helps LB Utilities customers monitor their water usage more efficiently and proactively. Register and log into your free WaterSmart Customer Portal today at lbwater.org/watersmart.



Want to support local restaurants that have achieved exceptional water efficiency? Check out the Long Beach spots that have joined LB Utilities' Certified Blue Restaurant Program at lbwater.org/blue.



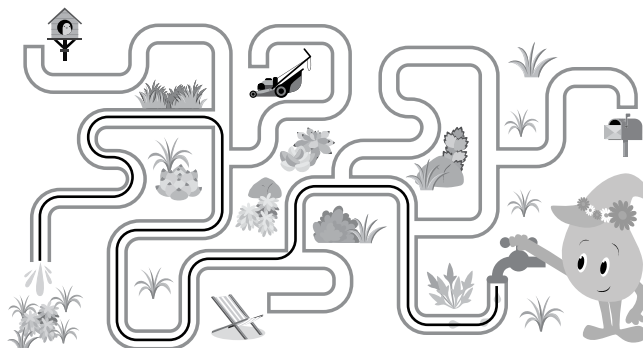
LB Utilities' Lawn-to-Garden program helps you transform your water-thirsty lawn into a beautiful, drought-resistant garden, learn how at lbwater.org/garden.

ANSWER KEY

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**FOR MORE WATER-SAVING TIPS AND
TRICKS FOR KIDS AND GROWNUPS,
CHECK OUT LIVEH2OLB.COM!**

