

Recreation Activity On, Off! On, Off!



Materials:

- Cut-off valve for a shower
- Cut-off nozzles, both fan and pistol grip spray

Show the group the cut-off valve and nozzles. Ask the group what they know about them.

Explain how the valve and nozzles work. Discuss with the group how these devices conserve water.

Playing the On, Off! Game

Explain the importance of using water conservation devices to the group. The group will play the On, Off! game, either indoors or outdoors depending on the size of your space.

- Designate a start and a finish line about 50 feet apart.
- Choose one student to be the on-off nozzle. The “nozzle” stands at midpoint on the finish line.
- The other players arrange themselves along the starting line. They will play the role of water.
- The nozzle turns his or her back to the other players and begins calling “Water on, water on, water on...”
- The other players (water) move quickly but carefully toward the finish line.
- Periodically, at random, the nozzle calls “Water off!” and whirls around.
- When the other players hear “Water Off!” they must stop and be completely motionless.
- Any player that the nozzle catches moving must return to the starting line.
- The first player to cross the finish line becomes the nozzle for the next game.



More Game Ideas

- Use a hose and let students actually use the fan spray and pistol grip nozzles.
- Perhaps use buckets or other large containers so students can see how much water they waste if they don't use water conservation devices. (Conserve the water in the containers by using it on outdoor plants.)

