

The Crisis:

The original 2,200 square mile swamp has been drained and cleared until there remains only four square miles of deep swamp in the center of which lies famous Lake Drummond. Some plants, two small shrews and one small species of fish are found only in the Dismal Swamp and, with the swamp itself, face extinction. The Virginia General Assembly has recently called for action by the Department of Conservation and Economic Development to take steps to save the swamp.

What You Can Do About It:

Exercise your civic duty by expressing your opinion regardless of what it is, to:

Marvin M. Sutherland, Director
Dept. of Conservation and
Development, 911 E. Broad St.
Richmond, Va. 23219

For more information write:
Carl A. Wiberg, President
Virginia Wildlife Federation
Daily News, 1013 13th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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And while we are talking about conservation, even the Fairfax Water Authority is getting in on the act! They mailed an interesting leaflet to all residents concerning water use and conservation. The facts and figures all seem interesting and they are listed below.

1. Wash automobiles on week-days only and then only before 4:00 p.m. Use buckets to wash and hose to rinse. Do not let hose run except when in actual use
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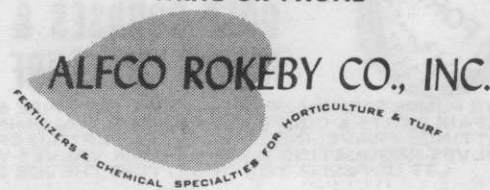
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4. Do not use toilets for flushing away household trash or refuse.

5. Wait until you have a full load before using the washing machine.

6. Keep a bottle of drinking water water in the refrigerator — running water from the tap until it is cool will waste as much as one gallon.

7. Take showers instead of baths — the usual bath requires 36 gallons, a shower only 10 gallons if you turn it off while lathering.

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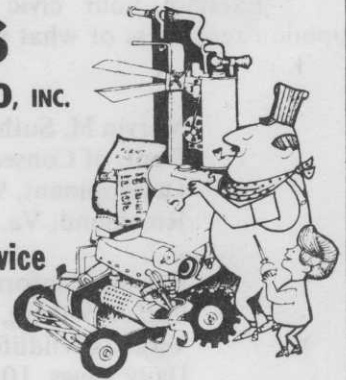
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