CONSERVATION CONCENTRATION
A MAKEOVER GAME

Let's play "Concentration"! These 24 cards include 12 pairs of mirrored Water Waste / Water-Saver Makeover images. Shuffle the cards. Spread them out, face down. The first player turns over two cards. If the cards are a matched set, the player collects them and earns another try. If the cards are not a matched set, turn them back over. The next player takes a turn. When all sets are collected, the player with the most wins.... To play alone, use scrap paper and tic marks to track the number of times you turn over two cards. Try to match all the pairs in as few turns as possible. Then try again!

WHAT'S DROUGHT ABOUT?

In Tucson, we receive an average of only 11 inches of rain each year. Some years we get more. Other years we get less. In a desert, this variation is normal.

A drought occurs when a number of years pass with less rain than average. Not all droughts are the same. Some are mild, with only slightly less rain than average. Others are severe, with much less rain. Some droughts are short and last only a few years. Other droughts are longer.

During the late 1900's and early 2000's, we entered a drought of at least several years. The winter and spring of 2005 were wetter than average. But these few wet months are not a clear sign that the drought is over. Some scientists think we may be in a long-term drought that could go on for years or decades more.

It's always smart to save water. Deserts and droughts require that we be extra careful. *Let's all give our water use habits a makeover!*

For more tips on conserving water - indoors and outdoors, including water harvesting, gray water use, and much more, call Tucson Water (791-4331) or visit the Conservation section of our website: www.tucsonaz.gov/water

ANSWERS

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(A)-1950-1990s; (B)-1500s; (C)-1900-1940s; (D)-1700s; (E)-early 2000s

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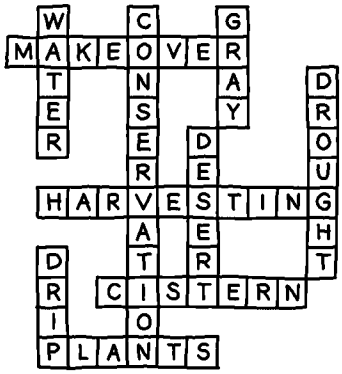
MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH A MAKEOVER OF YOUR WATER USE

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