Project Green Challenge 2023 – Day 4 Greener Category

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Create a list of all of the things water brings you. From your favorite pair of jeans to the greenery in or around where you live or go to school – water is ever present in ways we may not even know to think about.

The water I drink or use to make	The water I use to flush the toilet	The water needed to process my
tea or coffee The water I use to water my	The water I use for cooking	food The water needed to make my
plants		hygiene products
The water I use to wash my	The water from the swimming	The water needed to make my
clothes	pool at the REC	cleaning products
The water I use to wash my body	The water that's in my food	The water needed to grow
and hair		cotton and other fibers
The water I use to brush my	The water needed to grow my	The water needed to make my
teeth	food (vegetable & animal)	clothes
The water needed to dye my	The water needed to make my	The water needed to wash the
clothes	medicine	car (what a shame)
The water needed to make the	The water needed to make the	The water needed to make my
paper I use	batteries I use and all other	furniture
	devices and appliances	
The water needed to build my	The water from the sea, rivers,	The water that feeds the forest
house	and lakes that I enjoy so much	and all the outdoors that I love so much
The water my pets drink	The water needed to make by	The water needed to make the
	backpack	fabrics in my house
The water needed to make the		
ink in the pens I use		

What surprised you about your relationship with water?

It's everywhere!!! As I looked around in my room and thought of all the things I do everyday the list kept growing, and I'm sure I'm far from done. As I was heading to the swimming pool to work out, I realized without water I couldn't swim there or in rivers or the sea, something so valuable to me. And it made me remember earlier this year about a business trip to the mountains where a colleague and me crossed a beautiful clear water river and he said we couldn't go in because it was growing season and was likely filled with pesticides. I was shocked thinking how many times I probably dipped into rivers in the same situation. It reminds me of how polluted the rivers and lakes in Mexico are not far from where I live, but also how easy it is to clean a river and how I was able to visit and drink water from the last river that feeds monstruous Mexico City. It reminds me of the glaciers in the volcanoes that surround Mexico City and how they have died and are dying and in the past, they were called water factories, but climate change has also made them disappear. It reminds me of how this year the growing season of corn so dear to

Mexican culture was delayed not one month, but two, because it wouldn't rain. I'm shocked, surprised, and sad.

How can you be more mindful and appreciative of water going forward?

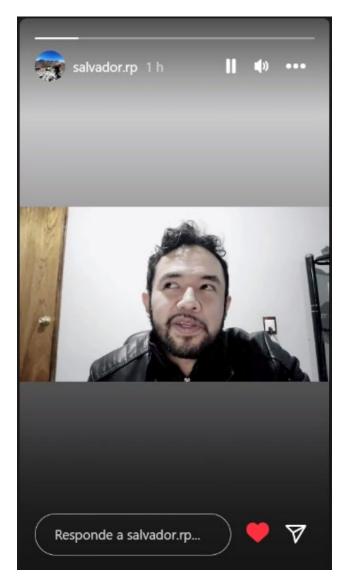
It's a precious thing that exists in liquid form in our planet, no other planet that we know of has it in the state where it can support life. As I write this, I've become emotional. One of the most obvious ways that until a few weeks ago I begun to consider is by switching cleaning and personal hygiene products from liquid to solid to at least diminish the water used to make these products. So far, I've switched to the good old bar of soap and shampoo bars. Once I'm done with my last tube of toothpaste I'll switch to tablets, the same for clothing and dishes detergents. I barely mop, but now I'll do it even less. It's so clear that I must consume less animal products, be more mindful of the dyes in my clothes.

Video: https://www.instagram.com/p/CyAK_iBLe6b/



My friend Salvador Rodríguez who is part of the team also answered the questions in a video on his IG account.

Video: https://www.instagram.com/stories/salvador.rp/3206591645348314658/



And the fabulous Fabi who's also part of the team. She uploaded the video in my IG account as well. Be sure to check her responses, they're surprising too.

