



Water Conservation Tips

In Your Yard:

- Water around dawn, never in the midday heat.
- Only water your lawn and not the road or sidewalk.
- Water your lawn deep and infrequently. Most lawns require one inch of water a week and should only be watered twice a week
- Automatic irrigation systems should have rain or moisture sensors so you are not watering in the rain or when it is unnecessary.
- Footprint test: If the blades of grass remain flat when you walk across your lawn it is time to water. If your lawn is mushy, has mushrooms or moss you may be over watering.
- Install rain barrels on your gutters to water your flowers or top off your pool.
- Mow your grass at one of the highest settings on your mower as this helps protect the roots in the summer heat.
- Mulch mow your lawn and leave the clippings on the grass. They will break down to naturally fertilize and water the lawn.
- When doing new landscaping choose native plants and grasses. They will require less water and maintenance.
- Plant new trees and shrubs in the spring or fall when rain is more prevalent. Mulch around flowers and shrubs to help the soil retain moisture.
- Use a broom to clean your driveway or walkway, not your hose.
- Consider using a commercial car wash that uses recycled water to clean your vehicle.

In Your Home:

- Make sure all of your faucets, toilets and appliances are not leaking.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Replace old toilets and appliances with low flow or high-efficiency devices.
- Taking a 5 minute shower with a low flow shower head may use half as much water as filling most bathtubs.
- Take time to learn how to read your water meter so you can monitor your usage.

Websites with More Information about Water Conservation:

- www.epa.gov/watersense
- www.wateruseitwisely.com
- www.greenskapes.org
- www.northsagamorewaterdistrict.com

Voluntary Non-Essential Water Conservation Measures: For the Summer of 2015, the Board is asking its residents to curtail their outdoor water use to every other day. Odd numbered houses should water on odd numbered days and even numbered houses on even numbered days. Non-essential outdoor watering should be done between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.

To avoid possible cross contamination in the summer months, never leave your hose submerged in a pool or bucket of water. All automatic irrigation systems should have an approved backflow prevention device installed and working properly.

