



WATER...USE IT WISELY

EVERY DROP COUNTS!

A safe, reliable water supply is critical to the success of any community. It creates jobs, attracts industry and investment, and provides for the health and welfare of citizens in ways ranging from disease prevention to fire suppression. We often take water resources for granted unless we are living through a drought or when depleted water supplies threaten a community's future.

10 Conservation Tips

1. Don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth.
2. Fully load the dishwasher and clothes washer before running them.
3. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run.
4. Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water a year in the average home. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons per day.
5. Install water-efficient appliances. Look for EPA WaterSense labels and check with your local water system to see if they offer rebates.
6. Don't over-water your lawn; water early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation.
7. When the driveway or sidewalk needs cleaning, consider a broom instead of a hose. It can save up to 80 gallons.
8. If you have a swimming pool, use a cover. You will cut the loss of water by evaporation by 90 percent.
9. Help preserve the quality of the available water supply by not overusing pesticides and fertilizers, not flushing medications down the toilet or sink, and disposing of hazardous materials properly.
10. Place rain barrels beneath your downspouts. The rainwater can be used for outdoor plants and trees or to wash cars.