

Voluntary Water Conservation Actions:

- Mow lawns to 2 inches or more and leave clippings (higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper to hold soil moisture better than closely clipped lawn.).
- Use mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- Aerate lawn to reduce evaporation.
- Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. Fertilizer applications increase the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.
- Place rain barrels under gutter downspouts to collect water for plants, car washing, or general cleaning projects.
- Plant native or dry-loving (xeric) plants in landscaping.
- Do not use the garbage disposal.
- Use automatic dishwasher only when load is full.
- Limit showers to 5 to 10 mins / day / person.
- Avoid running water to get cold temp, keep a pitcher of cold water in fridge.
- Wrap hot water heater and pipes with insulating material.
- Install faucet aerators.

Additional Voluntary Water Conservation Actions during a Drought WARNING:

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, walks and patios.
- Do not wash hard surfaces or buildings.
- Turn off ornamental fountains or other such structures, unless the water is recycled.
- Reduce lawn watering to no more than 2 times a week, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Reduce vegetable garden watering by watering only when needed, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Apply water directly to plants by using soil-soakers or drip irrigation. Avoid use of sprinklers.
- Do not plant new landscaping or grass.