

WATER SAVING TIPS

Water Saving Tips Inside the House:

- ❖ Refrigerate a jug of water to avoid running the water until it gets cold enough to drink.
- ❖ Use a dishpan or plug the sink when:
 - rinsing fruits and vegetables. This water can then be used to water plants.
 - washing and rinsing dishes and pre-rinsing dishes for the dishwasher.
- ❖ Add your garbage to the trash instead of putting it down the garbage disposal. Disposals use a great deal of water and add unnecessary solids to the sewer system. It's a great time to start composting.
- ❖ Instead of baths, take short showers and turn off the water while soaping.
- ❖ Place a bucket under the faucet when waiting for the shower to warm up, use this to water plants or pets.
- ❖ Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ❖ Operate dishwashers and washing machines only when fully loaded.
- ❖ Use the proper water level or load size selection on clothes washers.
- ❖ Install low flow aerators on all faucets including the showerhead.
- ❖ On toilets manufactured prior to 1994, consider placing a plastic gallon container in the toilet tank to save water with each flush.
- ❖ Repair leaking faucets and toilets (a leaking toilet can waste 200 gallons a day)
- ❖ Avoid using toilets as a trash can for facial tissues, etc.
- ❖ Locate the master water shut off valve and mark it for quick identification. If a water pipe should burst, it could cause flooding and property loss not to mention immense water waste if the valve were left open.



Water Saving Tips for Outside the House:

- ❖ Position downspouts, with extensions if needed, so rain water runs onto the lawn or into the garden, not down the walk or driveway.
 - ❖ Catch rainwater in a barrel for use in watering plants.
- Pools:
- ❖ Cover your pool when not in use to avoid evaporation.
 - ❖ Clean pool filters regularly.
 - ❖ Spread water from filter backwash onto grassy areas.
 - ❖ Empty wading pools onto grassy areas or plants.
 - ❖ Have strict rules concerning splashing.



If everyone complies with the regulations and is aware of their water use, we will be out of the drought warning before we know it. Remember, a little **common sense** in our everyday water use will really help.

There are some very informative websites available pertaining to water conservation, check them out:

PA-DEP Drought Webpage: http://www.depweb.state.pa.us:80/portal/server.pt/community/drought_information/10606

Water Resources Authority Webpage (www.chesco.org/water)

Other Helpful information: www.h2ouse.org

**BE AWARE OF HOW MUCH WATER YOU USE!
AWARENESS IS THE FIRST STEP IN CONSERVATION.**