



BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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SPECIAL NOTICE

NJ WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS ~ 2022

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection declared a statewide drought watch Tuesday, asking residents and businesses to voluntarily conserve water, the first step of a multi-tiered drought advisory system that culminates with mandatory restrictions if conditions worsen.

The State of NJ began asking residents two weeks ago to start conserving water as July fell well under the normal for rainfall. The watch advisory issued by DEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette is the first of three stages of the drought system and is designed to let the public know of conditions and encourage voluntary water conservation.

The DEP said more than 30% of water demand in suburban areas is for lawns, washing vehicles, and hosing off driveways. Much of that can easily be cut back, officials said.

Let's work together to make every drop count!

10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

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|  Water flowers and landscaping with water harvested in a rain barrel connected to a downspout. 1 |  Avoid recreational toys that require a constant stream of water. 6 |
|  Use 30-50% less water with drip irrigation and micro-sprays compared to sprinklers. 2 |  Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches to promote deeper grass roots which hold water better. 7 |
|  Only water when needed; in NJ most landscapes need only 1 inch of water per week. This often comes from dew and rainfall. 3 |  Use water from dehumidifiers and air conditioners to water your plants. 8 |
|  If you have a pool purchase a water saving filter. 4 |  Use native plants that need less water. 9 |
|  Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation rates. 5 |  Group plants together based on water needs. 10 |

Summertime, means swimming pools, sprinkler jumping, and barbeques surrounding by manicured landscape. During the summer months, while water supplies are typically declining, water usage is increasing. In fact, water usage from winter to summer increases by approximately 30%. However, we can all do our part to reduce water usage by following these 10 simple tips.



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