

Summer is the Time to Save Water!

Summer can bring on water shortages and drought could be looming. There are several ways to save water so you and your landscape don't wither away.

When in Drought (or not)
 Pick the right plants. Lots of varieties need less water.



Plants that are native to our region not only add beauty to our yards, they also require less water and fertilizer than non-native species while providing habitat for pollinators and wildlife. Jersey-Friendly Yards (<https://www.jerseyyards.org/>) has information on healthy landscaping, water savings and a plant database helping you select the right plant for the right place while maintaining an environmentally friendly landscape.



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Take a sprinkler break. Grass doesn't have to be bright green year-round. It's natural for it to turn a little brown at the tips during summer's hottest months. Only an inch of water per week is enough to maintain a healthy lawn. So skip that extra shower for the landscape and save 2,500 gallons of water or more!

When in Drought (or not)
 Get creative about saving and reusing water.



Think of creative ways to re-use water. Wash the car on the lawn, use the dog's bathwater in a flower bed, or save water used when washing vegetables and fruits for container plant watering. Install a rain barrel to harvest the stormwater from your roof to use in the landscape. Use your imagination to come up with ways to save water and visit <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/drought-watersense>.

YOU skip a shower...



SAVE 17 GALLONS of water

YOUR YARD skips a shower...



SAVE 2,500 GALLONS of water

When in DROUGHT, Every DROP Counts.



Curb outdoor Water Waste - Don't water in the middle of the day when temperatures are highest; the water will evaporate before it reaches the plants.



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The USEPA's WaterSense Program was started in 2006 with over **5.3 trillion gallons of water saved** in U.S. households since then. By saving water, there was a reduction of 603 billion kilowatt hours in energy, and the elimination of 242 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. Consumers were able to save \$108 billion dollars in utility bills! Besides adding extra cash to our bank accounts, saving water reduced energy consumption and helped to reduce the impacts of climate change!

