

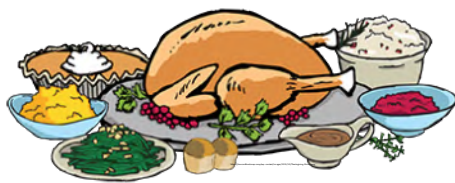
# Holidays and Water Savings



As the time changes in November, so should your watering and fertilizing schedule. It's time to shut down the sprinkler system and give it a fall tune up. Check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads. Remember to blow out the system so it does not freeze. Unsure how to do this? Call a Pro who is certified by WaterSense. To find a professional in your area, go to



<https://lookforwatersense.epa.gov/pros/> and choose NJ in the state section. Remember that between November 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, State law prohibits residents from applying fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus (and between December 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> for commercial applicators). Products containing potassium, lime and composts can still be applied during these blackout dates. Help protect our water supplies by following NJ's Fertilizer Law. To learn more, go to <https://www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater/>.



The Holidays are just around the corner. Families will be gathering for their favorite traditions. Before everyone gets together, think about water savings during this time. More people in the household means more water being used. Check for any leaks at kitchen and bathroom faucets as well



as the toilet running constantly. If you can't repair them yourself, then have a qualified plumber do it. Here are some simple plumbing fixture hacks:

Replace a **Faucet Aerator** in 4 Easy Steps

1. Cover your drain.
2. Remove aerator.
3. Remove rubber washer if stuck.
4. Twist on new WaterSense labeled aerator.

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Replace a **Showerhead** in 4 Easy Steps

1. Remove old showerhead.
2. Clean the thread.
3. Apply plumbing tape clockwise.
4. Twist on new WaterSense labeled showerhead.

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Replace a **Toilet Flapper** in 6 Easy Steps

1. Turn off the water.
2. Remove the toilet tank cover and flush.
3. Remove the old flapper.
4. Attach the new flapper to the pegs.
5. Reattach the chain for a tight seal, making sure the seal is strong.
6. Turn the water back on and flush.

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### In the Kitchen:



**Scraping dirty dishes** instead of pre-rinsing them before placing in the dishwasher could save over 10 gallons of water per load. This could save a family more than **1,200 gallons of water per year**, which is equal to **200 loads** of dishes.

### Doing laundry:



**Eliminating one load of laundry** per week by washing only full loads could save a family more than **1,600 gallons of water per year**, which is enough to wash **52 loads** of laundry.

