

# Water Conservation

### What should I know?

- ⇒ Water conservation encapsulates sustainable management, usage, and procurement of fresh water. Water saving measures can have a huge impact on water demand, and help protect the integrity of natural resources.
- ⇒ The average U.S. per capita water use is 170 gallons per day! Domestic drinking water is used to water yards and gardens, and often large portions are wasted by over-watering, evaporation, and misdirected sprinklers.

## Why is it important?

- ⇒ Clean fresh water is a limited natural resource. Conserving water wisely helps protect our natural environment and affects our daily life. Climate change has led to an increase in droughts, and the severity of access to fresh water.
- ⇒ Water is an essential aspect of daily life and its uses range from food and agriculture to basic needs like drinking and cleanliness. Earth's surface is approximately 70% covered by water, but less than 1 percent is available for human use.

# How can I get involved?

- ⇒ Save water by making smart choices every day!
  Install a rain barrel for outdoor watering. Turn off
  the faucet while brushing your teeth. Only run the
  washing machine and dishwasher when you have a
  full load. Use a low flow shower head and faucet
  aerators. Keep a container of drinking water in
  the fridge. This can save hundreds of gallons
  every month
- ⇒ Learn more about Water efficiency at: https://www.epa.gov/watersense/start-saving

#### Reminders!

- ⇒ For more information on Water Conservation visit our Greenable Woodbridge webpage at: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/595/Greenable-Woodbridge
- ⇒ Water conservation can increase efficiency and waterway health. Learn more about how to be wise with water this summer at:

  <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/conserve.htm">https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/conserve.htm</a>