

## Water Conservation

Potable drinking water is something that we take for granted everyday. Simply turn on a faucet, any time day or night, and water is there for the taking. However that clean, safe water that you ingest each day is a valuable resource that should not be wasted. The following items are guides to conserving water:

- **Check Every Faucet** – A slow drip from a faucet within your home can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day resulting in 6,000 gallons going to waste per year.
- **Check Toilets** – Toilets are notorious for their hidden leaks. Pour a small amount of food coloring in each toilet tank without flushing, wait several minutes and see if the color appears in the bowl. Up to 100 gallons a day can be lost in this manner which translates to more than 30,000 gallons per year.
- **Clothes & Dish Washers** – Operate automatic clothes and dish washers at full capacity.
- **Showers** – Do not shower for long periods and install a low flow shower head.
- **Lawn & Garden Irrigation** – Irrigation of lawns and gardens during summer months often consumes more than half of the total amount of water delivered from our pumps stations and elevated tanks. Use common sense when irrigating. Some helpful hints are as follows:
  1. Avoid watering during mid day heat.
  2. Do not follow a fixed schedule. Adjust watering frequency based upon temperature and cloud cover.
  3. Avoid watering on windy days.
  4. Use a kitchen timer when irrigating through hoses to remind you of when it is time to relocate or shut off the sprinkler. Keep in mind that a garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.
  5. Follow the voluntary odd/even schedule for watering which is explained under water restrictions.