

# Water Conservation Tips

## **Outdoor Water Use Tips**

Watering the lawn is most likely your highest use of water, especially if you have an irrigation system. To help conserve water, the following tips are suggested:

- Water early in the morning (before 9am) to avoid evaporation
- Mow less frequently in dry weather and mow to heights of at least 2"-3"
- Leave the clippings in the grass as mulch.
- Use a timer and do not over-water.
- Adjust timer for each zone based on sun, shade seasonal temperatures, rainfall, etc.
- Check for damage and/or leaks from broken/frozen pipes yearly
- Check monthly for broken sprinkler heads or other problems with the system
- Set sprinkler heads to avoid watering driveways, sidewalks and roads
- Check garden hoses for poor connections
- Use a sprayer that can be turned off on all garden hoses
- Use soaker hoses when applicable
- Mulch
- Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater for irrigation/watering plants
- Install a rain sensor (Required per Town Policy)

## **Indoor Water Use Tips**

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can potentially save 1,000 gallons a month.
- Use a dishwasher instead of hand washing dishes
- For cold drinks, keep a pitcher of water in your refrigerator instead of running the tap.
- Upgrade older toilets to water efficient models.
- If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
- Look for products bearing the EPA WaterSense Label for items that been certified to save 20% or more without sacrificing performance.

## **Changes in Water Use**

- A higher than normal bill can be the result of additional guests, filling a swimming pool and/or seasonal demands.