10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

1. Water flowers and landscaping with water harvested in a rain barrel connected to a downspout.
2. Use 30-50% less water with drip irrigation and micro-sprays compared to sprinklers.
3. Only water when needed; in NJ most landscapes need only 1 inch of water per week. This often comes from dew and rainfall.
4. If you have a pool purchase a water saving filter.
5. Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation rates.
6. Avoid recreational toys that require a constant stream of water.
7. Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches to promote deeper grass roots which hold water better.
8. Use water from dehumidifiers and air conditioners to water your plants.
9. Use native plants that need less water.
10. Group plants together based on water needs.

The public is encouraged to follow these common-sense water conservation tips. For additional water conservation tips, visit dep.nj.gov/conserve-water/

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