



## WATER SAVING TIPS

- Check sink, showers and toilets for leaks. A drop a minute can amount to 2,400 gallons over the course of a year.
- Install low flow aerator in faucets and showers.
- Take showers instead of baths. A bath usually requires 36 gallons as compared to 25 gallons for a shower.
- Let grass grow longer in hot, dry months. Set your mower higher to avoid brown grass and avoid using tap water on lawns. (see rain barrels)
- Keep a pitcher of water in your refrigerator. Running water until it cools down wastes a gallon of water.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth, shaving or scraping dishes.
- Use a stopper or dishpan while washing dishes.
- Completely fill your dishwasher and clothes washer before operating.
- Older toilets hold 3 to 5 gallons of water and can be replaced with toilets that use 1.6 gallons per flush.
- Flushometer toilets should be set at 3 ½ gallons, instead of 5 to 8.
- Placing a gallon jug filled with water in the tank would displace the water needed to re-fill the tank on your toilet thus saving a gallon of water per flush.
- Replace old appliances with water-savers, such as front loading washing machines and tankless hot water heaters.
- Wash your car on the lawn so water and detergents feed your lawn and do not runoff.

**Rain Barrels** - Install rain barrels at your gutter spout and reduce runoff and basement flooding. Water your lawn and garden during dry periods with rain water stored in the rain barrel; it's better for your yard because rainwater does not contain chlorine and saves you money. Modern rain barrels do not harbor mosquitoes. For more information regarding rain barrels visit: [www.cce.cornell.edu/onondaga//rain\\_catchers.php](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/onondaga//rain_catchers.php).

**Odd/Even System** - We encourage you not to water your lawn with tap water. If you feel you must and your home address ends with an even number, you can water on even number days. Odd numbered residences can water on odd numbered days. Last summer we did not have to impose any mandatory water conservation measures. However, in the event we have a dry, hot summer we would appreciate your compliance with the odd/even system so we will be able to avoid ordering a mandatory no watering of lawns or washing of cars.