

TOWN OF HILLIARD WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

This is a reminder that even though we have received quite a bit of rain, we are still in the middle of a severe drought. Due to increased water demand confined aquifer levels have dropped dramatically. We at the Town of Hilliard Public Works Department strive to provide an adequate supply of safe, aesthetically pleasing drinking water.

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. We all need to do our part to ensure this resource is here for future generations. The following are a few suggestions to help conserve:

1. **Lawn watering is not allowed between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.**
2. Please report any leaks to the appropriate authority.

If the fixtures in your house are not low-flow or water-saving devices, use these figures to estimate the amount of water used daily in your household:

- ◆ Toilet flush = 5 - 7 gallons
- ◆ Full bathtub = 60 gallons
- ◆ Automatic dishwasher cycle = 10 - 20 gallons
- ◆ Washing machine cycle = 24 -50 gallons
- ◆ Washing dishes by hand = 15 gallons per day

To get more accurate ideas of the number of gallons you use indoors and outdoors, read your water meter before and after a specific task, such as lawn watering or doing laundry.

FIXING LEAKS SAVES MORE THAN WATER

Leaks drain your pocketbook in three ways:

- ◆ Leaks increase your water bill.
- ◆ Leaks increase your sewer bill.
- ◆ Leaks increase your energy bill.

NICE TO KNOW

- ◆ Toilet water use can be cut by 10-15 percent with a toilet tank dam or displacement bag.
- ◆ Faucet water use can be cut by up to 50 percent with a low-flow faucet aerator.
- ◆ Shower water use can be cut by up to 50 percent with a low-flow showerhead.

SAVE WATER & SAVE MONEY

By installing simple, inexpensive water savers, the average family of four realizes these savings:

- ◆ Annual water bill - \$56 (@ 90 cents per 1,000 gallons)
- ◆ Annual sewage bill - \$69 (@ \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons)
- ◆ Annual hot water heating - \$380 (@ .06 per kilowatt hour if 30,000 gallons heated saved)

Any further questions please contact David Thompson, Water Conservation Coordinator at 845-2711.