

TIPS FOR CONSERVING WATER IN DRY WEATHER

We have been fortunate to enjoy sunny, warm, dry weather this summer, but the limited amount of rainfall Maine has received can have an impact on the state's water resources, especially on our water supplies.

The water for public drinking water systems and home wells comes from rainfall, so the less rainfall we get, the less water that is available from our wells. It's always a good practice to use water efficiently, but drier than average summers like this one should serve as a reminder to us all to be conscious of our water usage and encourage us to take steps to conserve water.

Some things you can do to save water:

- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes or lower the water settings for smaller loads.
- Limit the use of lawn and garden sprinklers and only water your lawn or garden during the cool morning hours, as opposed to midday, to reduce evaporation.
- Check your home for leaks and repair any that you find. Leaking faucets and pipes can amount to hundreds of gallons of wasted water every day.
- Even out your use of water at your home over the course of the day. This can help sustain your water supply, prevent a temporary shortage, and damage to your well pump.

For more information on how you can conserve water, visit EPA's Water Sense page at http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/pubs/simple_steps.html

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