

# 10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER



Water flowers and landscaping with water harvested in a rain barrel connected to a downspout.

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Avoid recreational toys that require a constant stream of water.

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Use 30-50% less water with drip irrigation and micro-sprays compared to sprinklers.

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Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches to promote deeper grass roots which hold water better.

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Only water when needed; in NJ most landscapes need only 1 inch of water per week. This often comes from dew and rainfall.

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Use water from dehumidifiers and air conditioners to water your plants.

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If you have a pool purchase a water saving filter.

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Use native plants that need less water.

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Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation rates.

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Group plants together based on water needs.

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Summertime, means swimming pools, sprinkler jumping, and barbeques surrounding by manicured landscape. During the summer months, while water supplies are typically declining, water usage is increasing. In fact, water usage from winter to summer increases by approximately 30%. However, we can all do our part to reduce water usage by following these 10 simple tips.

