

Summer Water Conservation Tips

The Wenham Water Department has instituted summer water restrictions –

NO WATERING WITH SPRINKLERS AND/OR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IS ALLOWED. Hand held hoses may be used from 5pm to 9am. The Town offers the following water conservation tips to help residents through the summer:

1. Water according to the towns' water restriction – watch for updates throughout the summer and early fall.
2. Do not cut the grass too short – keep it at least three inches high; this shades the roots and reduces water loss
3. Hand Water only when and where needed.
4. Use plenty of mulch – mulch provides ground cover that cools the soil, retains moisture and controls weeds
5. Monitor children's water play
6. Use a cover on the swimming pool to reduce the evaporation of water
7. Collect and reuse rain water
8. Consider ways to use graywater, i.e. place a bucket in the shower when you shower and use the extra to water your plants and vegetables
9. Fix all leaks – not only faucets inside the house, but also outdoor faucets and garden hoses.
10. Check your toilets for leaks – put food coloring in the tank and see if it appears in the bowl.
11. Run only full loads in the dishwasher and the washing machine
12. Buy water-efficient appliances – look for the “energy star” label.
13. Finally, conserve, conserve, conserve
