



WATER CONSERVATION : A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR HELPING MAKE THE HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE FOR THE FUTURE

How much can you save?

Approximately 70 percent of water used in a household is used inside the home, with the bathroom utilizing more water than any other room. By replacing older, inefficient bathroom fixtures with WaterSense labelled fixtures, your household can save in numerous ways.



WATER

7,000 gallons annually

Enough to wash 6 months worth of laundry



ELECTRICITY

200 kilowatt hours annually

Enough to run a refrigerator for 2 months



MONEY

\$80 in utility bills annually

Fixtures pay for themselves in as little as 2 years

Saving Water Indoors

- **Fix household leaks.**
- **Always wash full loads for both laundry and dishes.**
- **Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.**
- **Replace showerheads with low flow showerheads.**
- **Take shorter showers—five minutes or less is best.**
- **Avoid using running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Instead, defrost food overnight in the refrigerator.**
- **Purchase a water conservation kit and a leak detector kit. Many water companies offer them to customers at reduced prices**
- **Install WaterSense labelled products to conserve water.**
- **For commercial properties, refer to the best management practices for buildings that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends for federal buildings.**
- **Refer to the Alliance for Water Efficiency Resource Library for more information regarding specific residential, commercial, and institutional water efficiency (www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org and www.home-water-works.org).**

Saving Water Outdoors

- **Water only when needed; Hillsborough Township landscape need approximately one inch of water per week.**
- **Water landscapes early or late in the day to reduce evaporation**
- **Plant native plants; they are adapted to the region's conditions and require less water.**
- **Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.**
- **Install a rain barrel to water flowers with rainwater collected from rooftops**
- **Use fixed space irrigation on turfgrass only. For all other plants, use drip and micro irrigation.**
- **Limit turfgrass to 40 percent or less of the total landscaped area.**
- **Wash vehicles at a car wash that recycles water.**



INSTALL A RAIN BARREL TODAY!



Using Less Water is the Right Thing To Do!

- It is the right thing to do environmentally as water is a rare and precious resource. When we conserve water, we are saving the planet for our children and for future generations.
- Saving water reduces sewage treatment and pumping costs for your town, which helps to keep the costs down.
- Saving water helps save money for you, and your town.



About

The Hillsborough Township Committee established the Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee in 2007 to provide guidance on green and sustainability related issues as the Township pursues a path towards a sustainable future. The Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee is comprised of Hillsborough residents who are charged to develop recommendations for strategies to keep the Township moving toward its sustainable goals. The Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee will also articulate a long-term vision for the future, educate residents about sustainable development, and provide recommendations to the Township Committee on ways to implement future sustainable practices.

Visit **www.sustainablehillsborough.com** to learn more about the committee and its mission.



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