



# VILLAGE OF GOSHEN, NEW YORK

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Dear Village of Goshen Consumer:

Please be advised that as a result of the minimal precipitation our area has experienced, the Village of Goshen is implementing the drought warning procedure at the alert stage effective immediately. This means the following:

### **Outside water usage is restricted to 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

In addition, we ask that residents voluntarily restrict their water use for non-essential activities. Please utilize the list below for some water conservation ideas.

#### **1. Check your toilets, faucets and pipes for leaks**

Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that may be wasting more than 100 gallons of water a day.

#### **2. Take shorter showers, install water-saving shower heads or take a bath**

A typical shower uses five to ten gallons of water a minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off. Install inexpensive shower heads or flow restrictors that will cut your shower flow to about three gallons a minute instead of five to ten. They are easy to install, and your showers will still be cleansing and refreshing. A partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.

#### **3. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and while shaving**

Before brushing, wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing your mouth.

#### **4. Use your dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only**

Running these less often saves water and money. A washing machine uses an average of 30-35 gallons per cycle.

#### **5. If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing**

If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, first gather all your washed dishes in a dish rack, then rinse them quickly with a spray device or a pan of water.

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**6. Don't water the gutters, sidewalks, or streets**

Position your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden, not in areas where it doesn't help. Avoid watering on windy days when much of your water may be carried off to the streets and sidewalks.

**7. Plant drought-resistant trees and plants, and put a layer of mulch around them**

Many beautiful trees and plants thrive without irrigation, and mulch slows the evaporation of moisture.

**8. Use a broom or leaf blower to clean driveways, sidewalks and steps instead of your garden hose**

Using a hose wastes hundreds and hundreds of gallons of water.

**9. Don't run the hose while washing your car**

Soap down your car from a pail of soapy water. Use a hose only to rinse it off.

**10. Tell your children not to play with the hose and sprinklers**

Children love to play under a hose or sprinkler on a hot day. Unfortunately, this practice is extremely wasteful of precious water and should be discouraged.

Please help do your part to conserve water – you can make a difference! For any questions you may have, please feel free to reach out to the Department of Public Works at 845.294.6288.

Yours truly,

***Scott Birney***

Department of Public Works Superintendent