

Conservation in Emergency Situations

When a water supply emergency situation arises, it is important to take extra measures to conserve water. Be mindful of your water use at all times, particularly after a disaster has occurred.

Your personal water conservation efforts will help your water supply maintain adequate amounts of water for emergency services. Your home or business may have sufficient water pressure where your neighbors may not. Your efforts to conserve water will have a positive health and safety impact on others in your area.

• NO OUTDOOR WATERING

- Don't use the toilet for disposing of cigarette butts or other trash. Use the garbage can. Every flush uses five to seven gallons of water.
- Limit the length of showers to two or three minutes. Consider turning the shower off while you soap up and turn it on again only to rinse.
- Rinse your razor in a few inches of water in the sink, rather than under running water.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Use only enough water to wet the brush and rinse your mouth.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running continuously.
- Eliminate the use of garbage disposals. Dispose of food waste in the trash or in a compost pile.
- If you must wash dishes or clothes, use the settings that use the least water on an automatic washing machine or wash by hand using a bucket for rinsing. Never leave the tap running to rinse.

