



- Installing a rainfall or soil moisture sensor for your automatic sprinkler system; rainfall sensors stop watering in the rain and moisture sensors monitor the soil to determine when and how much water is needed
- Using a broom or rake instead a hose to remove debris from driveways and walkways
- Selecting nursery plants that are native and can thrive with little or no extra watering
- Watering lawns and plants when the sun's rays aren't working to evaporate your water
- Collecting roof runoff in a rain barrel for use on your garden



The price of treating water will continue to rise. A community effort to use water considerably and efficiently is the only way to keep the long term cost down.



**There's more water
around here
than we can shake
a stick at!**



This is a publication from your "Go Green" Committee . . . a concentrated initiative to save energy, protect the environment and become a climate resilient community.



Why should we save it?

We are blessed with an abundance of rainfall to keep our water source (Lake George) at sustained levels. However being conservative about our water use will provide many benefits by reducing water treatment and electricity. Water customer money will be saved and the environment will be improved.

Consider this:

- If one out of every 100 American homes were retrofitted with water efficient fixtures, about 100 million Kilowatt-hours of electricity could be saved per year avoiding 80,000 tons of green houses -gas emissions.
- A large portion of the average suburban household's water use is for lawns and gardens, though most of it evaporates or flows away from the intended use. Chlorinated tap water is over treated and not preferable for landscaping use.



Save tens of thousands of gallons of water per year inside by:

- Replacing old toilets with ultra low-flow toilets
- Installing water efficient bathroom faucets and accessories
- Replacing your old clothes washer with a high efficiency washing machine
- Fixing leaks in all your faucets, toilets and appliances
- Running water at less than full flow
- Running the dishwasher and washing machine when full
- Avoiding mishaps; locate your master valve that controls water service so you can find it in an emergency and turn your water off when you're away



Save tens of thousands of gallons of water per year outside by:

- Adjusting the height of your lawn mower to cut your grass higher; this helps protect roots from heat stress and reduces the loss of moisture to evaporation
- Adding a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch around flowers, shrubs and trees to help soil retain moisture, discourage the growth of weeds and provide essential nutrients.