

**DROUGHT UPDATE:
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Due to the very dry summer and fall that we have been experiencing, the City of Keene encourages all residents and businesses to help preserve our water resources and protect our water supply in the event that extended drought conditions occur.

**Saving water also
saves you money on
your water and
energy bills!**

Your Water Supply

**Help Protect our
Water Resources**

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“I want to help conserve water, but where do I start?”

First make some easy changes:

- Every time you turn on the tap, be conscious of what you’re doing and don’t use more than you need.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, etc.
- Don’t use the toilet as a trash can and flush unnecessarily.
- Only run the dishwasher and laundry with full loads.
- Change to newer low-flow toilets and showerheads. You may be able to save **up to 20% off** your personal water use!
- How about switching to an energy star-rated clothes washer? You could use **40% less water per load** and save money on your energy bill!
- If your leaking toilet is wasting just 10 gal/day, you’re wasting 3,650 gallons and \$45/year. If you have a big leak and are wasting 200 gal/day, that adds up to 73,000 gal and \$900/year!

- Look for the US Environmental Protection Agency’s “WaterSense” logo to help identify water efficient products.



You’ve done all that? Time to take the next steps!

- **Check for leaks and fix them.** A leaky toilet may waste up to 200 gallons per day and that dripping faucet may waste 3,000 gallons per year! Sometimes leaks are not obvious. Your water meter is equipped with a leak indicator which can help you detect a “phantom” leak.

The small red triangle in this picture is a leak indicator. If the triangle is turning when no water is being used in the house, you have a leak!



Even more ways to save...

Want to save a lot of water next summer? Install a rain barrel!

Outdoor water use can sharply increase your water usage in the warmer, drier months. Why let all that rainwater flow off to the storm drain? Just ½” of rain falling on a 20’ x 30’ area of roof can generate almost 200 gallons of rainwater that can be captured and used later when conditions are dryer and your garden or lawn is thirsty. For more information, visit NH DES Soak Up the Rain at <http://soaknh.org/>



During summer months the City of Keene used approximately 2.6 million gallons of water per day (mgd). Currently the City is using approximately **2.1** mgd.

Visit www.ci.keene.nh.us/departments/public-works for more water saving resources.