

OTHER INFORMATION:

CONSERVATION OF WATER:

Water is an important natural resource. It is used every day at home and at work in so many ways that many take it for granted. Be aware of personal water use, as awareness is the first step in conservation.

Water saving plumbing fixtures and appliances are cost effective, providing permanent long-term economic advantages. Low-flow toilets, shower heads and faucet aerators save valuable water and energy used to heat water without requiring a change in personal use habits.

A dripping faucet is more than annoying and its expensive. Even small leaks can waste significant amounts of water. Hot water leaks are not only a waste of water, but also of the energy needed to heat the lost water.

Leaks inside a toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Toilet leaks can be detected by adding a few drops of food coloring to water in the toilet tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the tank is leaking. Repair leaking faucets and toilets in a timely manner. Never use your toilet as a trash can!

Tips to save water inside the home:

- 1) Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth. Use a glass of water for rinsing teeth.
- 2) When shaving, fill the sink with rinse water and do not let the faucet flow.
- 3) Take short showers instead of baths and consider bathing small children together.
- 4) If the shower has a single hand control or shut off valve, turn off the flow while soaping or shampooing.
- 5) Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.
- 6) Turn the faucet off while cleaning vegetables. Rinse them in the sink with the drain closed or in a pan.
- 7) When washing dishes by hand, do not leave the faucet flowing for rinsing. Instead, use a dish rack and spray device to rinse them. If there are two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water.
- 8) Fill the sink with water to pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.

Tips to save water outside the home:

- 1) Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps and sidewalks.
- 2) Wash the car with water from a bucket. If a hose is used, control the flow with an automatic shut off nozzle.
- 3) Water the lawn only when needed. If grass does not spring back after walking on it, it probably needs water.
- 4) Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day. Do not water on windy days.
- 5) Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only. Do not water the street or sidewalk.
- 6) Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems to reduce the amount of water used by 20% to 50%.
- 7) Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil and inhibit weeds.
- 8) When landscaping, use native plants that require less care and water than ornamental varieties.
- 9) Cover the swimming pool to prevent evaporation.
- 10) Adjust the lawn mower to a higher setting to provide natural ground shade and to promote water retention by the soil

Please feel free to contact the Borough office at 570-837-2533 if you have questions.

Middleburg Borough employees who operate and maintain the water treatment system, owned by the Middleburg Municipal Authority, work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please help to conserve our water.