

Town of Belhaven Water Conservation “Tips”

October 24th, 2007

The Town of Belhaven is fortunate to have a good water source from the York aquifer that meets both quality and quantity for our customers. However, all ground water aquifers are being strained due to the lack of rain in the last several months. The Town of Belhaven is seeing some lower than normal well levels for the time of the year and are trying to abide by Governor Easley’s request on the reverse of this document as of October 22nd, 2007. Please review the below, some water saving “tips” that will aide in preventing disastrous water shortage crisis for our Town and surrounding communities. These “tips” are not all conclusive and anything that you can do help conserve would be greatly appreciated and helpful in the reserve of this natural and precious resource.

- 1) Check all toilets, sinks/faucets both indoor/outdoor for possible leaks/drips which can literally consume hundreds or thousands of gallons of water per day.**
- 2) Wash full loads of clothes instead of partial loads which minimizes not only water usage, but electricity and sewer cost.**
- 3) When using dishwashers, again, wash full loads instead of partial loads for the purposes of number two above.**
- 4) Minimize showers/baths by reducing amount of time used for bathing. This also will not only reduce water consumption, but, will also save electricity cost for heating hot water units and reduce sewer costs.**
- 5) While brushing teeth or shaving, cut off water and not allow running between rinsing processes.**
- 6) Use dry methods of cleaning sidewalks/driveways by sweeping or the use of blowers instead of using water to hose wash these areas.**
- 7) Avoid washing vehicles.**
- 8) Minimize watering of lawns/shrubbery as possible.**
- 9) Restaurants could reserve serving water unless asked for by the patron.**
- 10) Catch rain water from roofs/gutters to water plants or other outdoors usage via buckets/pans.**

These are just a few ways to help us be creative when we find ourselves in situations as mentioned. Just remember, water conservation can be challenging but rewarding, not only to preserve this natural resource, but, will also provide some reduction in electrical and sewer cost.

Thank you for your understanding during this time of unfortunate state wide water reserve concerns.

Sincerely,

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