



County of Rockland Department of Health NEWS RELEASE

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Rockland County Department of Health asks residents to conserve water

Due to excessive hot weather and below-average rainfall in Rockland so far this summer and the subsequent depletion of the county's water supply, the Rockland County Department of Health is asking residents to voluntarily conserve water.

"We all need to do our part to conserve water whenever possible. We are asking residents to help us in this effort and to use water wisely," said Dr Joan Facelle, Commissioner of Health.

Here are some suggested water conservation tips:

- Do not over-water lawns and landscaping . Two times per week for 30 minutes in the morning or late evening is usually sufficient. Use a hose with a hand-held nozzle to water flowers and shrubs.
- Fix leaky faucets and pipes
- Take shorter showers
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth and shaving
- Run washing machines and dishwashers only when full.

Residents are encouraged to use the EvapoTranspiration (ET) Index that United Water includes on their web site to help you determine when lawn watering is really necessary. You can find this number by going to www.unitedwater.com, entering your zip code and clicking "go," then clicking the "Read More" link under the "Check your ET Number" heading.

In addition, the Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources has banned smoking and the use of non- permanent grills in all County Parks. Posted signs have been placed on trail heads and parking areas listing the restrictions. Residents can only grill using the permanent grills located in Kennedy-Dells, Kakiat and Haverstraw Bay Park. Park Rangers and Security personnel are enforcing the restrictions.

"We monitor the situation on a daily basis. There are no immediate plans to close any parks due to the dry weather at this time, however, that can change based on any directive from the Fire Coordinator," said R. Allan Beers, Coordinator of Environmental Resources.

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