

Water Conservation Ordinance Adopted by Camden City

Camden City Council recently approved a water conservation ordinance to help alleviate problems with reduced water pressure in times of drought. With the increasing effects of climate change and global warming felt throughout the world, long-term droughts are more likely to occur in the near future. It is critical to have a plan in place to deal with these conditions as they arise.

In addition, conserving water makes financial sense. Not only can you reduce your water bill, but the less water you use means the less water that needs to be treated at the wastewater treatment plant, thus keeping sewer rates in check.

Camden's water conservation ordinance states that, during a drought situation:

- Lawns may be watered two days per week. Properties with even number addresses may only water on Mondays and Thursdays. Properties with odd number addresses may only water on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Watering may only be conducted between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00am or between 5:00pm and 8:00pm.
- No single area shall be watered more than 30 minutes per day.
- Flowers and shrubs may be watered as needed with a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- No hose or hose-end watering shall be permitted when it is raining.
- Irrigation systems must only run between midnight and 10:00am.

We are asking for your support in adhering to these guidelines. The City is committed to water conservation and encourages residents to get on board. Start saving water and money now! And help us make Camden a sustainable community!

For more information on water conservation, visit www.epa.gov/watersense and www.cleanwaternj.org

For more information on sustainability in Camden, visit www.camdensmart.com

