

## Water Conservation

### Helping To Conserve Water

Below are some tips that can help you begin saving and help conserve the water supply in the Lancaster County area. Small life adjustments can bring great benefits.

#### Outdoor

- Avoid watering lawn on windy days.
- Make sure sprinklers are wetting only the lawn, rather than onto a driveway or other paved surfaces.
- Plant drought tolerant plants that require little irrigation.
- Inspect all hoses, pipes, and faucets for leaks.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to wash off sidewalks and walkways.
- Irrigate your lawn during the morning or evening to reduce the amount of water from evaporating.
- Lay mulch around trees and plant to retain moisture.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on hoses to prevent wasted water.
- If you own a pool, cover the pool when not in use to prevent evaporation.



#### Kitchen



- Use/Install high efficiency, low flow appliances such as dishwashers and faucets.
- Use a pan of water instead of a running faucet to clean fruits and vegetables.
- Defrost food in refrigerator or use the microwave instead of running water.
- Rinse soapy dishes with a filled sink or a pan of water.
- Only run the dishwasher if fully loaded.

## Bathroom

- Use/Install high efficiency, low flow appliances such as toilets and shower heads.
- Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face.
- Do not use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- Regularly check your toilet for leaks.
- Shorten time spent in the shower.
- When taking a bath, only fill the tub halfway or less.



## Laundry



- Use/Install high efficiency, low flow washing machines.
- If possible, run the washing machine with full loads.
- Make sure water level on washing machine matches the size load.