

Please be advised, Department of Environmental Protection Commission Bob Martin today placed 14 Counties encompassing in Northern, Central, and Northern Coastal areas of New Jersey under a drought warning due to ongoing precipitation deficits and deteriorating water-supply conditions, particularly storage levels in reservoirs. Please note, Borough of Bergenfield, County of Bergen, are included in the drought warning.

DEP offers the following tips to reduce water use:

- At this time of year, it is appropriate to let your lawns go dormant.
- Turn sprinkler systems off automatic timers.
- Use a hose with a hand held nozzle to water flowers and shrubs, or let them go dormant.

- Use a broom to sweep the sidewalk, rather than a hose.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and do not run the hose more than necessary, or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- To save water at home, fix leaky faucets and pipes. Consider replacing your toilet with a low-flow version.
- Upgrade your shower head to low-flow.
- Upgrade your faucets or install faucet aerators.

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