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ELLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



The Ellington Conservation Commission is dedicated to Conserving Ellington's Natural Resources. One of the most important natural resources is water supply. The Conservation Commission works with the Connecticut Water Company to help promote protection of the local water supply. According to Connecticut Water, during summer months watering yards can account for 50% of total water use. Simple steps can be taken in everyday outdoor life to significantly reduce water consumption. For instance:

- 💧 Install rain gauges and skip lawn watering when there's $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch of rain in a week.
- 💧 Position sprinklers to lawn and garden areas and not impervious surfaces like sidewalks or driveways.
- 💧 Install drip hoses to deliver water directly to plant roots.
- 💧 Check hoses for leaks and repair or replace when needed.
- 💧 Install a pool cover to reduce evaporation.
- 💧 Plant small trees and shrubs around a pool's perimeter to help block wind and reduce evaporation.
- 💧 Use a bucket when washing a car and wash cars on grassed areas.
- 💧 Invest in a rain barrel. Rain barrels collect and store rain water and collected water can be used to water outdoor areas.

Water conservation can save money and benefit the environment at the same time. To learn additional water conservation tips, please visit www.ctwater.com/conservation. Or, visit the **KID'S ACTIVITY PAGE** at www.ctwater.com/kids.