



# Water Conservation

Planning ahead is the best way to prepare for a drought or other emergency situation. Below are some measures public water systems and consumers can take to help ensure water is available during an emergency. These steps can be used all year but are even more important during droughts.

## Steps for Public Water Systems



Develop, update and implement emergency operations plans.



Locate and repair leaks in treatment and distribution systems.



Install and monitor meters to track consumer water usage.



Be aware of available water levels in the water supply, wells and storage.

Implement policies to encourage water conservation, such as block rates, tiered rates, penalties for unauthorized or excessive water use, or other incentives to reduce water use.

Educate consumers on the importance of measures described below.

## Steps for Consumers



Locate and repair leaky faucets, showers, toilets and other water-using appliances.



Do not leave faucets running while brushing teeth and take shorter showers.

Water lawns and gardens early in the morning. Water only as needed and be sure water is confined to the necessary area.

Do not fill pools, wash cars or hose off driveways when emergency water conservation is in place.

Be sure to follow the conservation measures put in place by your local water supply.

**More information is available online at [dnr.mo.gov/drought.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/drought.htm).**