

# Water Savings - Summer Irrigation

**YOU skip a shower...**  
  
**SAVE 17 GALLONS** of water

**YOUR YARD skips a shower...**  
  
**SAVE 2,500 GALLONS** of water

**When in DROUGHT, Every DROP Counts.**

July and August can have less rainfall than other months throughout the year which can present problems for maintaining our landscapes. On average we use about 30% to 60% more water in the Summer than we do other times of the year. Usually 50% of that is wasted due to overwatering.

**Simple things we all can do to save water outside include:**

Your lawn only needs one inch of water per week, which includes the rain. Use a rain gauge or upcycle shallow containers (like tuna fish cans) and mark an inch on its side.

Step on the lawn; if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.









Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced soil moisture evaporation and fewer weeds.

Take a sprinkler break; grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.





Turfgrass can be part of a water-efficient landscape with right plant selection and management. A few easy steps can help keep turfgrass healthy and save water. Whether you use your lawn for recreation or curb-appeal just follow these simple practices to create your own healthy lawn while saving water outdoors and on your utility bill.

-  Raise the mowing height to promote longer and deeper roots.
-  Aerate the soil to allow for more air and water to mix and maintain soil health.
-  Use WaterSense labeled spray sprinkler bodies to efficiently and evenly irrigate.
-  Grass clippings are a good source of natural fertilizer.
-  Attracting beneficial insects will combat pest invasion.
-  Schedule your irrigation using a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller.

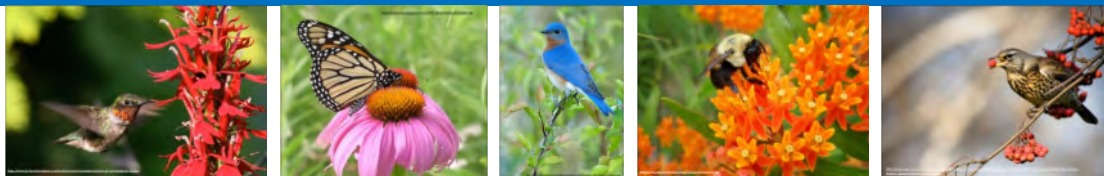


**look for GET RIGHT TO THE ROOTS**

 **Microirrigation** provides water directly to plant roots at a **lower flow rate**, allowing the water to soak into the soil and **reducing runoff**. Consider hiring an **irrigation professional** to help design your microirrigation system.



## When Landscaping consider a Jersey-Friendly Yard



Jersey-Friendly Yards is packed with information and resources to guide you through steps to a healthier yard. Learn how to maintain healthy soil, reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides, conserve water, and create habitat for wildlife. A healthy yard means a healthier environment and a healthier Barnegat Bay and Metedeconk Watershed!

