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State of New Jersey Declares Drought Warning

Brigantine, NJ – While many of us have been enjoying the mild, unseasonable weather, the sunny skies and lack of precipitation has prompted the State of New Jersey to declare a Drought Warning, as of Wednesday, November 13. The designation calls for the State to take precautionary measures to balance the water supply. Taking steps to conserve water now, may help to avoid a more serious water shortage in the future.

According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the public is strongly encouraged to follow these tips to reduce water use:

- At this time of year, it is appropriate to let lawns go dormant for the season.
- Winterize, and shut off irrigation systems as soon as possible.
- Only use a watering can to water flowers and shrubs or allow them to go dormant for the season.
- Use a broom to sweep the sidewalk, rather than a hose.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water, as washing your car at home typically results in more water use.
- To save water at home, fix leaky faucets and pipes. Consider replacing your toilet with a low-flow version; this can save around 11,000 gallons per year.
- Upgrade your showerhead to low-flow versions, which can save some 7,700 gallons per year.
- Upgrade your faucets or install faucet aerators; this can save some 16,000 gallons per year.

For more information, and to view the Administrative Order, visit <https://dep.nj.gov/drought/> .

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