

# City of Orange Township

## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

On Sunday, December 29, 2013, the City experienced a water main break on Thomas Blvd, near the intersection of Washington Street. The amount of water loss was significant, and coupled with the drought conditions that have existed since last summer, the City is experiencing a lower than normal water supply. As a result, residents and business owners are being asked to conserve water, which will help ensure that there are sufficient resources to meet human demand and fire fighting needs.

### **There are many ways you can help to conserve water in every room of your house:**

- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pot filled with water instead of washing under a running tap, then reuse it to water houseplants.
- Close water tap while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face.
- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves both on water and energy while it helps your clothes to keep their colors.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- When using washing machine or dishwasher, make sure it is fully loaded. It is preferable to use front-loading washing machines.
- Put food coloring inside the toilet tank. If colored water appears in the bowl without flushing, this is an indication of the presence of leaks. By fixing these leaks, you would save up to 1,000 gallons per month.
- Instead of melting frozen foods through the running tap, just keep it in the refrigerator for both the safety of food as well as for saving water.
- If you shorten your showering time by a minute or two, you will save up to 150 gallons per month.
- For cold drinks, keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.

**Share these water conservation tips with your friends and neighbors.**