



## Tips On Conserving Water

**We tend to take for granted the abundant, clean water available to us in Bronxville. But it requires careful monitoring of the million-acre upstate watershed, one hundred miles away, and the expensive maintenance of a vast infrastructure of reservoirs and aqueducts, to bring Bronxville its water. (We share this system with New York City and much of Westchester county.) It's important that we do what we can to conserve this precious resource.**

\*Suez Water ([www.mysuezwater.com/westchester](http://www.mysuezwater.com/westchester)) buys our water from the New York City system and is responsible for maintaining local water pipes, providing water on the last part of its journey into our homes and managing billing. It works to fix leaks, update our infrastructure, and make the system more efficient. (See Articles of Local Interest, "Where Does Bronxville's Water Come From?")

\*Make it a priority to fix leaky faucets and pipes. You'll be doing your part to ensure the reliability and resiliency of our water system.

\*Place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If it appears in the bowl, you've got a leak.

\*If your toilet and shower head are old, consider replacing them with new models that uses less water.

\*In the summer, watering your lawn and plantings can account for up to 40% of your water use. Go to [www.mysuezwater.com/westchester](http://www.mysuezwater.com/westchester) for tips on how to reduce that amount.

\*Don't let the faucet run when you're not using the water. Turn off the faucet to scrub and don't run it at full volume when you rinse.

\*Wait until you have a full load before running washing machines and dishwashers.

\*Never leave outdoor hoses running in between tasks.

\*A better way to wash your hands: use a little water to wet them; turn off tap, then soap up and scrub; turn tap back on to rinse. Sounds more cumbersome than it is!

\*Be aware of how long you're in the shower. Can you finish sooner? Can you perform some personal care tasks while the shower is turned off, then turn it back on to finish up?

\*Check out the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Sense Program for water-saving home devices, rebates, and more: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>

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