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## **Guidance for Well Owners to Follow Water Conservation Measures**

Many families across the state are following social distancing guidelines and are staying home to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Homeowners with private wells need to be mindful that there is not an endless supply of water from their well. Therefore, it is important for private well users to conserve water whenever possible during these times when water use is higher than normal and rain fall is limited.

**Here are some important tips to follow to conserve water:**

- **Limit Outdoor Water Use**: Reducing (alternate days) or eliminating lawn irrigation and washing of vehicles.
- **Use Rain Barrels**: Use rain barrels to catch and store water for watering plants.
- **Reduce Shower Time**: Limit your time in the shower. Avoid taking a bath, if possible.
- **Wash Full Loads**: Run the dishwasher and clothes washer only when there is a full load.
- **Avoid Running Water**: Turn off the water while washing dishes and brushing teeth. Don't let the water run.
- **Spread Out Water Usage**: Spread out water use throughout the day to allow time for the water level in the well to recover between uses. For example: Don't wash laundry and dishes at the same time and/or consecutively before or after other heavy water uses.
- **Use Low Flow Fixtures**: Consider installing low-flow water fixtures and energy-efficient appliances that conserve water. These are easy to install and are relatively inexpensive.

If you are experiencing supply problems from your private well, please access the following link:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Water-Conservation>

For additional information contact: CT Dept. of Public Health Drinking Water section (860) 509-7333 or via their website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Contact-Information>