

Attention residents of Somerset,

Due to current weather conditions and a significant reduction in rainfall, the Village of Somerset is initiating a **Drought Protocol** to conserve water and manage available resources effectively. This protocol is designed to ensure that essential services continue while minimizing the impact of the drought on our community.

Key Measures Include:

1. **Water Use Restrictions:**
 - **Outdoor Watering:** No watering of lawns, gardens, or landscapes between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Watering is allowed on **odd-numbered days** for odd-numbered houses and **even-numbered days** for even-numbered houses.
 - **Vehicle Washing:** Limit washing of personal vehicles. Use commercial car washes that recycle water.
 - **Swimming Pools:** Avoid filling new pools or refilling existing ones during this period.
2. **Conservation Efforts:**
 - **Indoors:** Reduce water usage by limiting shower times, turning off taps when brushing teeth, and using water-efficient appliances.
 - **Leaks:** Report any water leaks in public areas or infrastructure to Village authorities immediately for prompt repair.
3. **Business Operations:**
 - Businesses are encouraged to reduce non-essential water use. Restaurants should serve water only upon request.
4. **Fire Safety Precautions:**
 - Due to dry conditions, we ask all residents to avoid any unnecessary open burning, including recreational fires. Proper disposal of cigarette butts and ensuring fire safety measures are followed will help prevent wildfires.

We thank you for your cooperation during this time. Together, we can conserve our water resources and protect our community from the challenges of this drought.

For more information or to report any issues, please contact Kelly at the Village of Somerset Office at 740-743-2963..

The graphic features a blue header with the title 'WATER CONSERVATION TIPS' in large orange letters. On the right side of the header is the logo for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which consists of a stylized 'G' inside a circle. Below the header, the graphic is divided into three vertical panels. The first panel is blue and titled 'for your... Home' with three white chevrons pointing right. It contains a list of four tips: 'Wash full loads of dishes (and clothes)', 'Clean & prep vegetables with a bowl of water, rather than letting the faucet run', and 'Use your garbage disposal less often'. The second panel is green and titled 'for your... Lawn' with three white chevrons pointing right. It contains a list of four tips: 'Water lawns, plants and shrubs only as necessary', 'Use mulch to help soil retain moisture', 'Water plants in the morning to limit evaporation', and 'Sweep clean sidewalks instead of using a hose'. The third panel is blue and titled 'for your... Bath' with three white chevrons pointing right. It contains a list of four tips: 'Fix leaking toilets and faucets', 'Reduce shower length to under 5 minutes', 'Turn off water while brushing your teeth', and 'When replacing fixtures, install water saving models'. Each panel has a background image: a kitchen sink for Home, a lawn with a lawnmower for Lawn, and a bathroom with a toilet for Bath.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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for your... **Lawn**

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for your... **Bath**

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- Reduce shower length to under 5 minutes
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth
- When replacing fixtures, install water saving models