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ATTENTION MERIDEN WATER CUSTOMERS

Due to the extended period of dry weather our region has experienced, the Meriden Water Division is asking your cooperation in reducing water consumption at your home/business to preserve the Public Drinking Water Supply. Simple measures will save significant amounts of water and hopefully prevent future mandatory restrictions. Please consider the following:

- Turn off faucets while brushing your teeth.
- Check your home/business for leaking fixtures including toilets, which are responsible for up to 40% of your consumption. Repairing leaks will save you money on future bills!
- Do not use your toilet as a trash pail. Dispose of food, etc in your solid waste trash receptacle.
- Refrain from watering lawns, power washing homes/buildings, use of commercial car wash rather than washing at home.
- Refrain from washing driveways, sidewalks, decks and patios with your garden hose or power washing equipment.
- Take short showers rather than baths.

Your cooperation and participation will result in significant water savings. Please check the City of Meriden website for additional info.

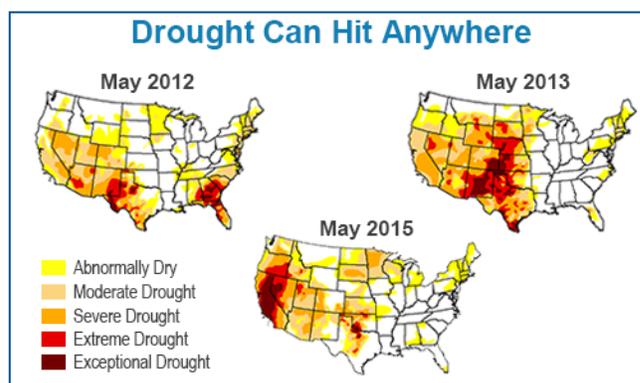
Thank you for your participation in preserving our precious resource.



When in Drought... Use Your WaterSense

Every year, drought strikes some part of the country. If your area is experiencing a drought, there are actions you can take to help your community by reducing your water use. Even if your water shortages are not severe, consider these simple tips to save water at home.

1. **FOLLOW THE RULES.** If your community has taken the step of restricting water use, it's to ensure that water is available for critical community needs such as firefighting, health care facilities, and local businesses.
2. **CHECK FOR LEAKS.** Make sure your faucets, toilets, and showerheads are not leaking and check your sprinkler system. If you find leaks, fix them—leaks can waste nearly 1,000 gallons of water each month. Learn more about finding and fixing leaks at www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak.
3. **CONSIDER AN UPGRADE.** If you're thinking about a bathroom update, now is the time to replace water-wasting fixtures with high-performing, WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water than standard models. Information about WaterSense labeled products is available at www.epa.gov/watersense/products.
4. **TAKE A SPRINKLER BREAK.** Grass doesn't have to be bright green year-round. It's natural for your landscape to go dormant and look a little brown in summer's hottest months. You can cut back on watering and reduce stress on your local water supplies. If you have an irrigation system with a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller, which acts like a thermostat for



Source: U.S. Drought Monitor archive, www.drought.gov

your system and tells it when and how much to water. In the future, consider plants that need less water and are better suited to your local climate. Learn how to create a water-smart landscape at www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor.

5. **GO THE EXTRA MILE.** If you've done all you can to be water-efficient, you can get creative by collecting water from dish washing or other uses and reusing it to water your flowers. More water-saving tips are available at www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/start_saving.html.

Remember, when the rains return, your water-saving ways don't have to go away. Avoiding water-wasting habits will help you save water, energy, and money and help your community when drought returns. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Drinking Water Section

WATER SAVING OPTIONS

Activity	Normal	Gallons	Conservation Measure	Gallons	Savings of:
Shower	Water running	25	Wet Down, Soap up, Rinse	9	16 gallons
Brushing Teeth	Tap Running	10	Wet Brush, Rinse Briefly	½	9 ½ gallons
Bath	Full	35	Minimal (1/4 full)	10-12	25-27 gallons
Shaving	Tap Running	20	Partially Fill Sink Basin	1	19 gallons
Washing Dishes	Tap Running	30	Wash & Rinse in Partially Filled Sink Basin	5	25 gallons
Dishwasher	Full Cycle	16	Short Cycle	7	9 gallons
Washing Hands	Water running	2	Fill Sink Basin (or just to wet & rinse)	1	1 gallon
Toilet Flushing	Average	5-7	With tank displacement New toilet	3-6 2-3	1-2 gallons 3-4 gallons
Washing Machine	Full cycle, top water level	60	Short Cycle, Minimal Water	27	33 gallons
Outdoor Watering	Per minute	10	Hand Watering		
Leaky Faucet	1/32" leak	170/24 hrs.	Fix Leak	0	170/24 hrs.