



The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

WATER CONSERVATION

Avalon officials remind residents to follow the Odd-Even Outdoor Water Plan. Residents with a home address that is an odd number are permitted to conduct outdoor watering on any odd numbered day of the month. Residents with a home address that is an even number are permitted to conduct outdoor watering on any even numbered day of the month. No outdoor watering will be permitted on the 31st day of any month.

This water usage plan refers to outdoor high volume water usage only. Activities such as running an outdoor shower or washing a dog may be conducted any day of the month as they require only a low volume of water. However, activities such as car washing, pool filling, or lawn watering require high volume water usage and as such should only be conducted on a resident's designated odd or even day for such water usage.

This plan has been put in to effect not as a result of a water supply issue, but rather an effort to satisfy a water allocation permit issued by the state of New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection sets a monthly water usage limit and if Avalon exceeds this limit a fine may result from the infraction. For the month of June 2010 Avalon has exceeded its monthly water usage limit. The water usage in Avalon for June 2010 is the second highest on record for this month in Avalon according to the New Jersey American Water Company.

Homeowners can use water more efficiently by applying it to lawns in the late evening or early morning. From approximately 10pm-8am it is generally less windy, cooler, and more humid. These factors lead to less water evaporation during the watering process. A thorough watering of a lawn more than twice a week is most likely excessive and may increase the amount of weeds that appear in the lawn. A healthy, durable lawn that withstands minor drought is achieved by watering thoroughly but as infrequently as possible. Residents can help reduce Avalon's water usage by following these tips and sharing them with others. It is particularly important for landlords to inform their tenants and renters of the Odd-Even Outdoor Water Plan.

The Borough of Avalon has made a concerted effort to reduce its own water usage. In fact, the Avalon Department of Public Works has installed cost effective, computerized soakers at the Public Safety building as an eco-friendly, water conserving alternative to traditional sprinklers. Additionally, Public Works has installed numerous rain sensors so that sprinklers do not unnecessarily waste water when it is raining. Public Works has also switched 90% of the Borough's spray heads over to a low volume variety. The Borough of Avalon compliments these measures by carefully monitoring the water usage for its traffic islands and fields.

For more information on how to reduce your water usage visit www.avalonboro.org and click on the tab for Avalon Green Team. Or stop by Borough Hall and visit our eco-friendly table to pick up a magnet and other information on water conserving practices.