

WATER CONSERVATION CHECKLIST

- Water your lawn using your local water conservation policies: On Fort Bragg use the XVIII ABN Corps and Fort Bragg Regulation 420-1, Water Conservation Procedures (2010).
 - Follow the Odd/Even schedule; odd building numbers water on Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday, even building numbers water on Monday/Wednesday/Saturday.
- Capture rainwater in rain barrels to use for watering of plants.
- Plant drought tolerant native plants and avoid planting invasive species. The Sustainably Simple Landscaping guide is available at <http://www.bragg.army.mil/EMB.aspx>.
- Use mulch around plants to retain soil moisture thus saving money, time and water.
- Water your lawn more thoroughly and less often, or not at all.
- Does water run off your lawn easily? Split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Water your lawn in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler, minimizing evaporation. On Fort Bragg, water between the hours of 0700-1000; 1800-2100.
- Use sprinklers for large areas of lawn and hand water small areas to avoid water waste.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better.
- Replace much of your lawn with plant beds-fill them with drought tolerant plants and mulch.
- Shorten your shower to 8 minutes daily-it will save a lot of water!
- Install low flow showerheads.
- When running a bath, plug the tub drain before turning the water on and adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- Install low flow or dual flush toilets.
- Fully load your dishwasher and washing machine before running the cycle.
- Routinely check for leaks and report leaks immediately. On Fort Bragg call 910-396-0321 to place a service order; Picerne Military Housing residents report leaks to Picerne directly. This will save water and may save you from making unnecessary repairs due to water damage.
- Don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks. Report or fix immediately.
- Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Do not use water to clean hard surfaces like sidewalks or driveways.....use a broom.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl, not under running water.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth and save up to 25 gallons per month per person.
- Turn off water while shaving and save up to 300 gallons per month.
- Wash your car on the lawn and you'll water your lawn at the same time.
- Wash clothing in cold water; it saves energy and water.
- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up for your shower. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- Keep a container filled with water in the refrigerator. Cold water will always be on hand and you won't waste water waiting for cold tap water.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Throw tissues, bugs, paper towels, etc. in the trash.
- Minimize the use of in sink garbage disposal units. Try composting vegetable scraps, eggshells, coffee grounds, etc. instead.

***Don't forget water use hidden costs such as energy for pumping water, water heating and cooling, chemical treatment, water damage and sewer expenses!