



The Suez-NJ system (formerly known as United Water-NJ) which consists of three reservoirs serving Bergen County has dropped to less than 45 percent total capacity, compared to a normal capacity of 60 percent for this time of year.

The DEP offers the following tips to reduce water use:

- At this time of year, it is appropriate to let your lawns go dormant.
- Turn sprinkler systems off automatic timers.
- Use a hose with a hand-held nozzle to water flowers and shrubs, or let them go dormant.
- Use a broom to sweep the sidewalk, rather than a hose.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and do not run the hose more than necessary, or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- To save water at home, fix leaky faucets and pipes. Consider replacing your toilet with a low-flow version; this can save around 11,000 gallons per year.
- Upgrade your shower head to low-flow versions, which can save some 7,700 gallons per year.