

## Conservation in Emergency Situations

When a water supply emergency situation arises, it is important to take extra measures to conserve water. Be mindful of water use at all times, particularly after a disaster has occurred.

Personal water conservation efforts may help your water supply maintain ample amounts of water for emergency services. Your home or business may have sufficient water pressure where your neighbors may not. Efforts to conserve water may have a positive health and safety impact on others in your area.

### Emergency Conservation Tips

#### • NO OUTDOOR WATERING

- Don't use the toilet for disposing of cigarette butts or other trash. Use the garbage can. Every flush uses five to seven gallons of water.
- Limit the length of showers to two or three minutes. Consider turning the shower off while you soap up and turn it on again only to rinse.
- Rinse razors in a few inches of water in the sink, rather than under running water.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Use only enough water to wet the brush and rinse your mouth.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running continuously.

For additional information on this subject please contact your local DEQ representative or the Water Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-8100.

