

10 Ways to Weather the Drought

In Your Home

1. Turn off the water when lathering up, shampooing, brushing teeth, or shaving.
2. Rinse produce in a basin instead of under running water, and use rinse water to water household plants.
3. Use the dishwasher and clothes washer only when full.
4. Install low-flow showerheads in all showers.
5. Take a short shower instead of a bath.

In Your Yard

6. Collect rainwater in a rain barrel or other container and use it to water your garden.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean walkways and driveways.
8. Water for shorter periods of time for better water adsorption.
9. Check out NCSU's new Turf Management System to help you calculate how long to water your lawn.
10. Take your car to a commercial car wash that recirculates their wash water.

For more information...

Your County NC Cooperative Extension Agent and:

www.ces.ncsu.edu/Publications/homefamily.php

NCSU Turf Irrigation Management System:

www2.turffiles.ncsu.edu/tims/

Virtual Water-Saver Tour of Your Home:

www.h2ouse.org/tour/index.cfm

100 Water-Saving Tips:

www.wateritwisely.com/100ways/se/shtml