



A New Pledge to Water Conservation



The Village of Villa Park is pleased to announce that the Village has made a commitment to promote water conservation by participating in the countywide water conservation and protection program, **“Preserving Every Drop”**, being launched by the DuPage Water Commission. The DuPage Water Commission, a regional wholesale water provider, developed the program as part of its ongoing commitment to providing reliable, quality, and cost-efficient Lake Michigan water service to customers in DuPage County. The program’s overall goal is to achieve a 10% reduction in per person water use within ten years. This reduction equates to a water savings of approximately one gallon per person, per day, each year. The Village of Villa Park is joining other communities across DuPage County to commit to more efficient water use and protection of our precious water supply.

Four public education initiatives will be available to residents:

- Water pledge – A commitment by residents to implement specific water conservation efforts
- Toilet leak detection and repair kits – Tools to support the identification and repair of toilet leaks
- Rain gauge and landscape irrigation kits – Explanation and promotion of appropriate and efficient landscape irrigation practices
- Rain barrel programs – Demonstration projects to promote the purchase, proper installation and efficient use of rain barrels for rainwater harvesting

The average water usage in DuPage County is approximately 106 gallons per person, per day. While it may be difficult to imagine how all that water is used, a quick look often shows that much is wasted due to leaks or wasteful habits. From the kitchen, to the bathroom, to the laundry room, changing your habits can help to conserve a vital resource and save money on your water and sewer bills. Water saving tips are available on the Village’s website, and can also be picked up at the offices of the Public Works Department, located at 11 West Home Avenue.

The Village is also taking actions to improve its own water use and management practices. As part of the conservation pledge, the Village is strengthening its commitment to more efficient water use and improvements in operations to reduce leaks and water loss.

This program is the first regional effort to establish consistent practices for increasing water conservation among Lake Michigan water users in Illinois. This effort is being driven by a commitment to stewardship and prudent long-term planning, rather than any near-term projection of water shortage. Progress toward the water conservation goal will be measured across all participating communities on an annual basis and results will be reported on an annual basis.

Residents can get involved by picking up conservation program information at the offices of the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department, located at 11 West Home Avenue, or by visiting the Public Works portion of the Village of Villa Park’s website at <http://www.invillapark.com>.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505.