

## Livingston Partners with EPA's WaterSense Program

(Livingston, NJ) – The Township of Livingston has teamed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) WaterSense program to help save water and reduce costs on utility bills. WaterSense aims to decrease indoor and outdoor water use through water-efficient products and water-saving practices.

“Livingston is proud to be a WaterSense partner,” said Mayor Al Anthony. “This is a terrific opportunity to improve our water-efficiency awareness. Decreasing our overall water use means that we won't have to buy as much water at high rates during peak periods. It's a win-win!”

The program encourages customers to look for WaterSense labeled products, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

Product categories eligible for the WaterSense label include toilets, bathroom faucets and accessories, showerheads, flushing urinals, weather-based irrigation controllers, and pre-rinse spray. WaterSense also offers a label for new single-family homes and multi-family units that include WaterSense labeled products, efficient hot water delivery systems, water-smart landscapes, and other water-efficient features. In addition, WaterSense labels programs that certify landscape irrigation professionals that highlight water-efficient practices.

“Being a WaterSense partner will help save water and money by offering simple ways our residents can reduce water use through water-efficient product choices and practices,” says Township Engineer Jeannette Harduby. “In addition to conserving resources now, this program will help to ensure that water will be available for future generations.”

The average family can save nearly 38,000 gallons of water per year by retrofitting their home with WaterSense labeled fixtures and ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified appliances. If every home in the United States upgraded to WaterSense labeled fixtures and ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, nearly 4 trillion gallons of water and nearly \$35 billion in water costs could be saved across the country annually.

Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 757 billion gallons of water and \$14.2 billion in water and energy bills. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

The recently passed lawn-watering ordinance was a key step in Livingston's water conservation efforts. To find out more about the Township's water conservation initiatives, visit [www.livingstonnj.org](http://www.livingstonnj.org).

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