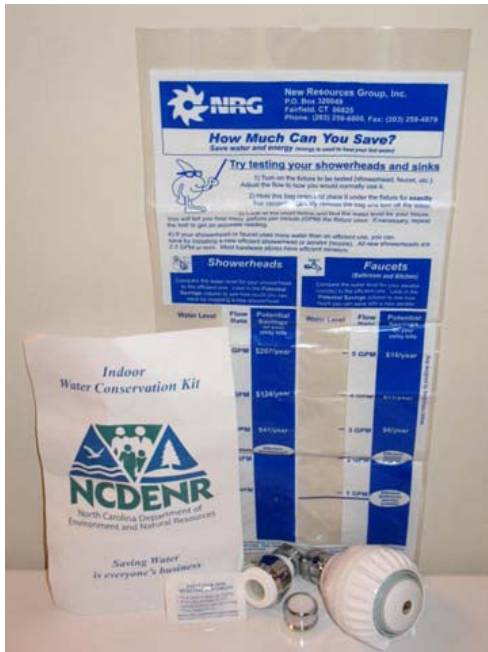


## Water Kits Help DENR Employees Conserve Water



Every North Carolinian has been touched by drought during the last year. Water conservation has been at the forefront of managing our water supply during this time, with many water systems mandating water restrictions and Gov. Mike Easley urging everyone to do their part.

In an effort to help residents save water at home, the DENR Sustainability Team and the Division of Water Resources partnered to provide 585 home water conservation kits to DENR employees. Employee response was so enthusiastic, the Sustainability Team and DWR will once again sponsor the water conservation kit give-away. In all, 600 kits will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis from mid-October through the end of

November. More information on how to order a free kit will be announced in early October.

In addition to retrofitting your showers and faucets, there are many other ways to conserve water at home. To conserve water, you can:

1. Use your water meter to see if there are undetected leaks in your home. Read your meter before and after an hour passes without using any water. If your meter registers a change, you have discovered a leak!
2. Approximately 20 percent of toilets leak. Check yours. Investigate by adding a drop or two of food coloring to the tank. If a color appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak that needs repair.
3. Add a full plastic water bottle to your toilet tank. The volume displaced will equal the amount of water saved each time you flush.

On average, 56 percent of water used is residential. Making lasting changes to our homes through retrofitting and by detecting and repairing leaks will help conserve water year-round. For more water conservation tips, log on to [www.savewaternc.org](http://www.savewaternc.org).