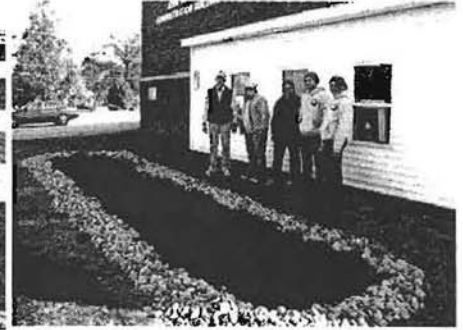


## Conservation Grant Saves Water in Township

**E**ast Greenwich Township has been participating in a pilot water conservation grant sponsored by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension–Water Resources Program in partnership with the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)–Division of Water Supply and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Several projects were proposed, and the Environmental Commission, Public Works Department, and East Greenwich Township Elementary Schools have been participating in the program.

The following projects were completed recently in the township:

- Installation of a demonstration rain garden behind the East Greenwich Library by the Environmental Commission, Rutgers, and AmeriCorps.
- The restroom retrofit project at the Jeffrey Clark School. This resulted in the installation of 14 low-flow toilets, 14 aerators, and seven urinals in the older part of the school. This project was performed with the cooperation of the school, Rutgers Cooperative



Volunteers install rain garden behind East Greenwich Library.

Extension, and NJDEP. American Standard donated the products.

Additional projects slated for spring include the following:

- Installation of a rain water harvest and irrigation system at the Samuel Mickle School Wild Site garden.
- Installation of a “smart” irrigation controller at Thompson Park at one of the sets of soccer fields. Water use results from this system will be compared with a timed system on the other set of fields. At the end of the trial, a smart

system will be installed on the second set of fields.

- Water Conservation Education at the Samuel Mickle School, supported by NJDEP and Rutgers.
- “Build Your Own Rain Barrel” session for the community.
- Turf Management for a Healthier Lawn” renovation project at two homes in the township. Details of this project will be published at a later date.

### Getting Ready for Snow?

Help our Public Works Department continue to do the great job they do in clearing our streets of ice and snow:

- Please shovel your sidewalks when snow stops falling. Children walking to school must be able to use the sidewalks safely.
- Move your parked vehicle from the street when snow is predicted — before snow begins to fall. Police officers will ticket vehicles parked on the street when the snow begins falling, even if the storm starts at night, and will continue to ticket vehicles while snow is on the ground.

Cars also may be towed. Before it snows, also remove portable basketball hoops from the street. They interfere with plowing and may be damaged unintentionally.

- **Special Note: When shoveling snow from driveways and sidewalks, do not throw snow into the plowed streets.** Also do not place trash cans, trash bags, and containers for recyclables in the street during or after a snowstorm. These interfere with plowing.



Which Committeeman was found behind a snow plow during the recent storm? (See back page for answer.)

**Elaine Rossi**

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**Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program**

**News Release**

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For Immediate Release:

On Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Sal Mangiafico, Environmental County Agent for Rutgers Cooperative Extension in conjunction with the East Greenwich Environmental Commission, will present a *Turf Management for a Healthier Lawn* workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the East Greenwich Town Hall.

This class is FREE and is perfect for homeowners who would like to have a beautiful lawn and learn more about environmentally-friendly lawn care. The size of the class is limited, so reserve your space today. Please register online at [www.water.rutgers.edu](http://www.water.rutgers.edu) and click on Turf Management for a Healthier Lawn. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Elaine Rossi-Griffin, Program Coordinator to register today at 732-932-9800 x 6129.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension educational programs are offered to all without regard to race, religion, color, age, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Financial support for this project is provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection under a grant to create a Water Conservation Program in New Jersey; which East Greenwich is one of five municipalities in the State to participate in this program.



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## East Greenwich water use restrictions eased

Thursday, August 26, 2010

By Rebecca Forand  
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EAST GREENWICH TWP. Restrictions on lawn watering were slightly relaxed Tuesday night when the township committee passed an ordinance amending the water conservation regulations.

The previous ordinance restricted lawn watering to 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on odd- or even-numbered days, depending on a person's house number. The new ordinance keeps the odd- and even-day schedule but eliminates the time restrictions.

Water conservation methods have been necessary in the past due to the low water pressure East Greenwich has experienced. But with the construction of the town's new water tower some of these problems have been alleviated.

"We have been telling people that when the water tank comes online we would revisit the ordinance," Mayor Fred Grant said. "We're making it less restrictive to benefit the residents."

One sentence in the amendment regarding the use of water to clean one's driveway, parking lot or patio caused some argument before the committee voted on the ordinance. The contentious line allowed washing these areas with a high-pressure washer, but restricted the use of a hose unless for fire or sanitation hazards.

Committeeman William Bumbernick sent a newsletter to residents via e-mail on Monday arguing that this restriction was not necessary and that it was a "silly" inclusion. He urged readers to come to Tuesday's meeting and express their opinion.





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"This is a solid example of local government imposing needless restrictions and potential fines on our residents," he said.

A handful of residents spoke during the public portion of the meeting, but no one agreed that the item should be removed from the ordinance. Bumbernick consented to the public and voted in line with the other four members of the committee, passing the ordinance 5-0.

"My job as a committeeman is to listen to the people," he said. "I still think this is a silly piece of legislation but I will support it."...



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