Spring Lake Environmental Advisory Committee

BEST PRACTISES	AVOID
Do Collect Rain water	**Avoid** Cutting trees
Do Plant drought resistant plants, shrubs, trees	**Avoid** Messing with water sources eg: ponds, lakes, wells
Do Use mulch to retain moisture around trees and shrubs	**Avoid** Letting water run while brushing teeth, shaving, rinsing dishes
Do Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation	**Avoid** letting taps drip or toilets run
Do Use direct watering to the roots	**Avoid** Flushing toilets after every use
Do Reuse water when you can eg: wash fruits and vegetables in a basin, then use the water to water house plants	**Avoid** Using the garden hose for outdoor cleaning, use a broom
Do Shower vs bathing	**Avoid** Letting any leak go unattended
Do Insulate water pipes to reduce heat loss	**Avoid** Using a garbage disposal unit, compost instead
Do Take a water wells workshop	**Avoid** Installing ornamental water features unless they recirculate water
Do Install a low flow, dual flush toilet	**Avoid** Fertilizing during a dry spell
Do Use a displacement device in toilet tank to cut down on water used if it is not a low flow toilet	**Avoid** Over fertilizing your lawn if you do fertilize
Do Start composting	**Avoid** planting during peak dryness
Do Water early or late in the day and water longer and deeper. This uses less water in the long term	**Avoid** Worring if your lawn turns brown during extreme heat, this is a dormancy period rather than a dead lawn
Do Pull all weeds in lawn and garden	**Avoid** Letting weeds get a hold in your garden, they steal needed moisture
Do Trim dead leaves and flowers	**Avoid** Planting specialty plants that need extra water
Do Check your well pump regularly	**Avoid** Running partial loads of dishes/clothes
Do Keep drinking water in the fridge	**Avoid** Running water to get cold for drinking
Do Use energy efficient appliances	**Avoid** Watering lawns vs trees or shrubs in extreme heat
Do Cut your grass higher (3” or higher)	**Avoid** Using the toilet as a garbage can
Do water only lawn and garden not sidewalk	**Avoid** Using a running hose to wash your car