



Coming Soon—The Municipal Guidance Website

The Municipal Guidance Website provides sample ordinances that have been adopted by municipalities. The sample ordinances serve as a guide to draft municipal regulations. New Jersey is a “home rule” state, granting the municipal authority to act as long as it does not conflict with state or federal law.

Water Conservation ordinances can help a municipality reduce water consumption; reduce loss and waste of water; improve efficiency in the use of water; help document the level of recycling and reuse in the water supply; and help extend the life of current water supplies by reducing the rate of growth in demand. The New Jersey Water Savers program plans to incorporate more Model Ordinances into the overall package such as Water Efficiency Requirements for New Developments and Renovation of Existing Buildings, Time of Sale Ordinances, Soil Stripping Ordinances etc. The series of Model Ordinances will not be mandatory but only serve as examples for municipalities wanting to conserve water in their communities.

Please note that the intention of this website is to provide helpful guidance and not legal advice. We encourage community groups and environmental commissions to review the science behind the ordinances along with the advantages and disadvantages of adopting the ordinances.