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CITY OF OXFORD
MAYOR'S HOME CONSERVATION TIPS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

It looks like summer has finally arrived and with the higher temperatures comes higher energy bills and a higher consumption of water, which is not only bad for the environment but for also bad for your finances. With that in mind we would like to offer some simple tips to save water and energy, thereby helping the environment.

- If you use a sprinkler system, maintain it. Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads. Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets. This is a huge waste of water. Never water on windy days and always water early in the morning to reduce wasteful evaporation.
- If you have a pool, run filters and automatic cleaning sweeps in the early morning or late evening. Keep your pool covered when it's not in use to reduce the amount of evaporation and the need for chemicals. Minimize the need for chlorine which can be harmful to the environment and human health, by using an alternative cleaning system such as an ionizing water purifier.
- Drawn drapes, closed shades or blinds during daylight hours will keep room temperatures much lower.
- On hot days, use the microwave or grill instead of the oven, thereby helping keep your house cooler and reduce the work load on your air conditioning unit.
- Remember, if the grass in your lawn springs back as you walk on it, water is not necessary.
- If you can, use a clothes line, it also eases the work load on your air conditioner.

One final tip as the weather continues to get hotter, that has more to do with your health than the environment. Look around your yard, check anywhere water may have collected and dispose of it, mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water and that will reduce their breeding grounds.

Energy conservation is important, not only for the financial aspects of your life but also to leave a cleaner, greener world for future generations.

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