

## **Public Education**

The Town of Salem has prepared, through the office of the Town Manager, a number of informational bulletins regarding the water supplies for the Town. These bulletins are available at the Town Offices.

Numerous newspaper articles were written throughout 1995 and 1996 discussing the issues with water supplies, alternatives available, and the water shortage experienced in 1995.

## **Voluntary Measures**

Conservation measures were developed and recommended as voluntary restrictions to address non-essential water use. The following is the finished list of items that all water users are requested to voluntarily implement as the initial drought action measure:

- 1. Check every faucet and toilet for leaks. Even a slow drip can waste a lot of water each day.*
- 2. Take short showers and shallow baths.*
- 3. Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth.*
- 4. Don't use the toilet to flush away tissues, gum wrappers or other small scraps. Use a trash can!*
- 5. Water your lawn, vegetables, and flower gardens only when there has been a serious lack of rain, and then only water them for half hour a day.*
- 6. Fill the dishwasher and clothes washer, partial loads can waste electricity, water and money.*
- 7. Never use a hose to clean off the driveway. A broom is better.*
- 8. Use a bucket of water to wash the car. Rinse quickly. Use a car wash, where water is recycled, whenever possible.*