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## PRESS RELEASE

### Conserve Water in Your Garden

As much as 650 gallons of water or more will flow through a 5/8" garden hose in an hour. Remember that, whenever you use the hose outside your house. If you happen to forget and leave your hose running unattended, hundreds of gallons can be lost in a very short time.

When washing the car, use a bucket for the soapy water, and don't leave the hose running while you wash. A shut-off nozzle on the hose will help conserve water. Use the hose for rinsing car only.

Using a hose instead of a broom is wasteful also. It isn't the best use of water to shoot it down the gutter, so use a rake and broom and shovel to clean up outside debris. Sweep your sidewalks and driveways instead of using the garden hose. By the way, using a broom instead of a garden hose is not only a good way to conserve our much needed water supply but it is also good exercise.....