



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
One Winter Street; Boston, MA 02108

## 2009 Water Conservation Award

### What is it?

MassDEP will be presenting Water Conservation Awards to recognize Public Water Systems (PWS) who have implemented exemplary water conservation practices during the past year.

### Who is eligible for this award?

To be eligible for these awards, a PWS must complete and return this questionnaire. Your response to the questionnaire and information provided in your Annual Statistical Report will be used to evaluate potential award recipients. Only those PWSs interested in receiving an award must complete the questionnaire. **Feel free to attach any supporting documentation to the questionnaire.** A copy of the application is available at the MassDEP website at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/systems.htm#awards>.

### When are applications due?

All applications must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2009**. Mail to MassDEP - Drinking Water Program; 1 Winter Street - 5<sup>th</sup> floor; Boston, MA 02108; Attention: Water Conservation Award.

### How will you be notified of the winning entry?

MassDEP will contact winners by telephone and email in May. Winners will also be invited to attend the Drinking Water Day events in June for the presentation of the award.

**For more information** please call Richard Friend at 617-654-6522 or email at [Richard.Friend@state.ma.us](mailto:Richard.Friend@state.ma.us).

Applicant		
PWS Name:	PWS ID:	Phone:
Address:		
Email:	Date:	
I certify that the information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature:		

**Water Audits and Leak Detection**

1	What is the calculated percentage of unaccounted for water in your 2008 ASR?	%
2	Provide the date of your last distribution system water audit:	
	Briefly describe any actions you took as a result of the water audit that resulted in water savings:	

**Metering**

3	Do you have a program for calibrating/replacing service meters?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If Yes, briefly describe:		
4	How frequently do you read service meters? Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Semiannually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> _____		

**Pricing**

5	Is your rate structure designed to encourage water savings (increased block rates, seasonal rates)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes briefly describe or attach a description of your water rates:		
6	How frequently do you bill customers? Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Semiannually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> _____		

**Residential Water Use**

7	Provide the calculated residential gallons per capita day (RGPCD) in your 2008 ASR	gal/day/person	
8	Do you have a program for reducing indoor residential water use? If Yes, have you:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	a. Distributed residential retrofit water saving devices? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	b. Provided rebates for water saving devices? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	c. Other? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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9	Has your community adopted or implemented activities <i>other</i> than outdoor water use restrictions to promote outdoor water use conservation? If Yes, have you:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	a. Enacted restrictions on land clearing or impervious surfaces? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	b. Enacted restrictions on irrigation systems? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	c. Promoted low-water use landscaping? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	d. Other? Describe:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Municipal Water Use</b>			
10	Have water saving devices been installed in all public buildings, including schools?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If No, please briefly describe where water saving devices have been installed and describe plans for installing water-saving devices in public buildings.		
<b>Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Use</b>			
11	Do you have a conservation program for commercial, industrial or institutional users?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If Yes, please briefly describe:		
<b>Education/Outreach</b>			
12	Do you have an education/outreach program for educating the public on how to conserve water?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
13	If Yes, please check the items included in your public education program:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Stuffers <input type="checkbox"/> Public service announcements: <input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV <input type="checkbox"/> Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> School materials/outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)		
14	Do you have staff specifically assigned to conservation education?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If Yes, please describe their responsibilities/activities related to water conservation education:		

Please return this form by April 15, 2009 to:  
 MassDEP, Drinking Water Program; 1 Winter Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor; Boston, MA 02108. Attn: Water Conservation Award