

## **Do's and Don'ts for Drought/Dry spell**

### **Do's:**

- Listen to radio, watch TV and read newspapers for warnings, updates and instructions.
- Practice rainwater harvesting.
- Repair and rejuvenate local water bodies before the rainy season.
- Excavate deep pits to help increase groundwater table.
- Participate in water conservation programmes.
- Put used domestic water to use by watering grasses and plants.
- Use a bucket instead of a shower for bathing.
- Use wet clothes to clean and scrub floors instead of using running water.
- Construct toilets that need less water for flushing.
- Regularly check tanks, taps, etc. to prevent leakage.
- Reuse water as much as possible.
- Adapt water conservation practices in lifestyle. Follow all state and local restrictions on water use, even if you have a private well (groundwater levels are affected by drought too).
- Encouragement of afforestation with subabul, seemaruba, casurina, and eucalyptus.
- Promotion of bio diesel plantations like jetropha and pongomia.

### **Don'ts:**

- Do not waste water at all.
- Do not cut trees and forests.
- Do not waste rainwater collected on rooftops, etc.
- Do not mess with traditional water sources such as ponds, annicuts, well, tanks, etc.

[Source: National Disaster Management Authority]