

WATER...

A PRECIOUS RESOURCE

Summer's high heat and long days result in an increased demand on our city's water system. Water conservation is important particularly at this time of year. During drier years like this, we ask you to pay special attention to your water use. It can save you money and reduce the strain on the City's water system.

Our customers should **conserve** water by making adjustments in their water usage **especially during the peak morning hours of 4 a.m. to 9 a.m.** By making a few changes we can benefit from conservation.



Adjust your watering to the early morning hours between midnight and 4 am. When evaporation is less and the temperatures are lower. This and the following other tips will help you and your community.

If we all follow a few simple rules, we can avoid placing a burden on this precious resource:

- Do not use outdoor water between the hours of 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Do not allow excess water to leave your property or area of water use.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your water hoses at all times.
- Do not water outdoor landscaping while it is raining.



It is unlawful and constitutes an infraction for any person to violate or fail to comply with the above rules.

Water Conservation Tips and Tricks

- Don't let the tap run every time you want a drink. Fill a pitcher with tap water and put it in the fridge.
- Wash only full loads of laundry, preferably in the evenings when water demand is lower.
- Limit showers or baths to one per person per day, if possible.
- Recycle water from fish tanks – Use it to water plants. Fish emulsion is a good, inexpensive fertilizer high in nitrogen and phosphorous.
- Check faucets for leaks and replace worn washers periodically.
- Know how often your lawn needs watering. Use a moisture indicator to tell when your lawn needs watering and when it doesn't.



- When watering your lawn, avoid watering the house, sidewalk, or street. Adjust sprinklers so that only the lawn is watered.
- Promote water conservation by watering trees and plants only once a week. Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants to retain water.
- Do not use water to clean driveways or walkways.
- Wash your car at a car wash, preferably one that uses recycled water.

For more information or to report water waste, please call **838-4139**. ■