

Water Conservation - Public Advisory

Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

Outdoor water use accounts for over 50% of water consumed by households.

Seek the Leak

- Routinely check faucets, hoses, and connectors for leaks.
- Soft, wet spots in the yard indicate a leak.
- Check swimming pool shutoff valves and plumbing.
- Contact local Water District if service line is leaking.

Irrigation

- Irrigation schedules depend on soil type, plant type, climate factors, etc.
- Soil moisture sensor technologies are available for domestic water users.
- Evaporation loss can be 60% higher during the day. Early morning watering minimizes evaporation and disease to lawns/vegetation.
- Shut off water on windy days (automatic shut off for rainy days).
- Saturate root zone only.
- Consider using drip irrigation.

Fertilization

- Fertilize in moderation and during growing season only.
- Use pesticides only when needed.

Mowing

- Cut grass at highest recommended height (encourages roots to grow deeper).
- Keep mower blades sharp (dull blades tear the grass).

Additional Tips

- Water slowly to reduce runoff.
- Do not hose down driveways or other impermeable surfaces.
- Use a shutoff valve on your hose.
- Cover pools and spas to discourage evaporation.