



TIPS for CONSERVING WATER

When watering a lawn, the usage is about 600 gal. per hour per spigot. 4 hours of watering on 2 spigots = 4800 gal. used.

- Use a broom or blower, not a water hose, to clean the driveway.
- Keep grass 2-3 inches long. Longer blades reduce evaporation.
- Set sprinklers to water the lawn only- not the pavement.
- Use sprinklers that spray low larger drops rather than high fine ones.
- Plant in the spring or fall when plants can benefit from the rain and cooler temperatures.
- Dig basins around plants to catch water.
- Water slowly at the roots- not on leaves or foliage to develop deeper roots.
- Mulch can be organic or inorganic; using 2-6 inches of mulch around plants lessens evaporation.
- When washing a car, wet car quickly and turn off the hose. Use a bucket full of soapy water to wash car quickly and rinse.
- Check your pool system for leaks, cover to reduce evaporation, and keep water level low enough to avoid splashing water out of the pool.
- Repair or replace leaky hoses and faucets. Place shut-off valves to outside spigots (inside home) to control outside usage.
- Abide by local watering restrictions while in effect.
- Washing machines are the largest water user in your home. Usage is 50 gallons or more per load. Wash only full loads.
- Repair leaks and install water saving devise. (Flow restriction faucets)
- If washing dishes by hand, do not leave the water running.

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HOW TO CHECK FOR WATER LEAKS

Add food color or dark colored unsweetened kool-aid to toilet tank water (Do not flush) and check bowl in 45 minutes. Any color in the bowl may indicate a leak.

Read meter before going to bed and again in the morning before any water is used. Subtract the 2 numbers to find how much water has been used during the night. Any usage greater than 15 gallons could indicate a leak.