

Ever wonder how much water your property actually needs?



# INTRODUCING WATER BUDGETS

## A tool to help you:

- ✓ Understand and manage water use on your property
- ✓ Track and adjust usage seasonally
- ✓ Identify and reduce excessive water use
- ✓ Improve water efficiency

## Each Water Budget is 100% Individualized

Our program evaluates satellite imagery, local weather conditions, landscape details including grass, shrubs, trees, swimming pools, and more.



## LET'S DO THE MATH

Your Water Budget is the sum of your indoor and outdoor budgets. Together they represent an efficient volume of water for maintaining your home and property.

**Indoor Budget** = **Occupants** × **Gallons** × **Number of days in the month**

Single-Family Home: **3**  
Multi-Family Unit: **2**  
Commercial/Institutional:  
Based on Past Use

**47 gallons** per person per day

**Outdoor Budget** = **Landscape Area** × **Evapotranspiration** × **Landscape Factors** × **0.62 Gallon Conversion**

(average monthly weather data)

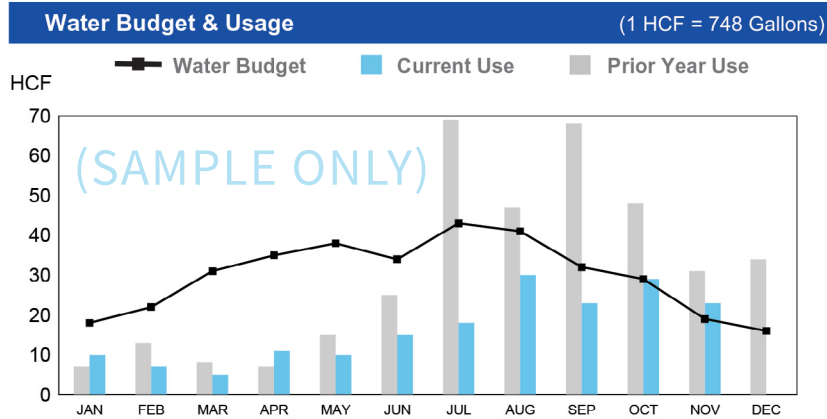
**( Indoor Budget + Outdoor Budget ) ÷ 748 HCF Conversion = MONTHLY WATER BUDGET**

**What's an HCF?**  
Short for "hundred cubic feet" and equal to 748 gallons, HCF are the units used to measure your water use.

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Your water budget and usage data will appear on your monthly bill and online in WaterSmart.



### Is your overall water use consistently below budget?

Great job! Continue to maintain and improve efficient water use.



### Does your water use trend above budget?

You may have room to improve efficiency. We're here to help with a variety of water efficiency resources.

## HOW ACCURATE IS IT? LET US KNOW!

More information, including detailed methodology and a Water Budget Adjustment Request Form, can be found on our website.

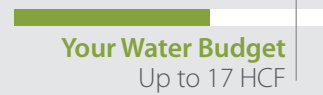
If you think your Water Budget needs an adjustment or you'd like to learn more, we want to hear from you.

### My Water Budget

**LAST PERIOD:** You used 31% less than your water budget last period.

**31% Under**

Dec 17 - Jan 16, 2025



**NEXT PERIOD:** Your estimated water budget is 18 HCF (426 GPD)

(SAMPLE ONLY)

- Water Budgets represent the total water required for efficient use indoors and outdoors based on the best available data and science.
- When multiple water sources are available, such as District-supplied water and groundwater from a private well, the Water Budget remains constant, providing efficient total water use for the property.
- This property-specific guidance for conserving water while maintaining landscaping and the semi-rural atmosphere of the community is valuable for customers, and the District as it plans for community-wide water needs and compliance with State water use regulations.
- Water Budgets are not connected to water rates, fees, or charges.



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A unique, data-driven efficiency guide for each account.



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