



## Water Use Efficiencies and Best Practices

From District Ordinance 96

*Recommended to reduce water waste and conserve this essential and limited resource.*

1. Redesign landscape to replace some or all vegetation with drought-tolerant or native plants.
2. Water lawns and outdoor areas only when needed. Most plants do not need to be watered every day and excess watering not only wastes water, but can also harm plants. Improve irrigation management with the installation of a soil moisture sensor for measuring soil moisture and determining when irrigation is needed.
3. Replace or upgrade old irrigation systems with state-of-the-art efficient drip or spray systems.
4. Use mulch around trees and plants to keep moisture in the soil.
5. Set lawn mower blades at 3" to 4" to keep lawn longer and retain moisture in the soil.
6. Install water harvesting and diversion features, such as rain gutters, rain barrels and in-ground storage, to capture rainfall runoff from roofs and pavement. Utilize equipment that harvests water from the air.
7. Install or replace plumbing fixtures with water-conserving plumbing fixtures such as high-efficiency toilets, showerheads and faucets.
8. Reduce the length of showers or the amount of water used for baths.
9. While pre-heating shower, collect unused water in a bucket and save it to irrigate landscaping.
10. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
11. Install high efficiency washing machines, dishwashers and toilets.
12. Only wash laundry and dishes with full loads.
13. Install a "laundry-to-landscape" graywater system.
14. For pre-cleaning dishes, use a filled sink instead of running water.
15. Consider installing an instant water heater on sinks that are located far from the main water heater.
16. Wash vehicles using a waterless car wash product. A waterless car wash is an eco-friendly and efficient car wash that uses little or no water.
17. Cover spas or swimming pools to reduce water loss due to evaporation.
18. Watch for and report broken, poorly timed or misaligned sprinklers around the community.
19. After a power outage, irrigation timers often reset to default. Check irrigation timers often.

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Signature of Property Owner

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