



JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



Water Saving Tips to Help Your Community Conserve Water

Summer is upon us and brought the hot and dry weather with it. It is most important at this time to focus on your water consumption to protect your community well and mitigate the effects of a drought. Implementing these easy water saving techniques around the home, will help to reduce your water usage and household expenses.

Please remember any water used in the household will affect your water bill.

Indoor Water Saving Tips

- ☞ Repair leaks or dripping faucets. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to tank water; if the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.
- ☞ Replace old toilets and washers with more efficient ones.
- ☞ Have a full load in the washing machine or dishwasher before you turn them on.
- ☞ Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Every time you flush the toilet, you waste 5-7 gallons of water, unless you have water saving toilets.
- ☞ Install water efficient showerheads and taps.
- ☞ Take shorter showers instead of baths.
- ☞ Turn off faucets when shaving or brushing your teeth.
- ☞ Do not use water to defrost frozen foods; thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- ☞ Wash dishes in a plugged sink rather than under a running tap.
- ☞ Keep a container of drinking water in the fridge so you don't have to run water to cool it off before drinking.



Outdoor Water Saving Tips

- ☞ Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow the evaporation of moisture.
- ☞ Plant drought resistant trees and plants.
- ☞ Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, and faucets.
- ☞ Water the base of plants, not the leaves.
- ☞ Avoid watering in hot and windy weather.
- ☞ Water during the cool parts of the day to reduce the water wasted through evaporation.
- ☞ Use a nozzle on your hose, which can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray.
- ☞ Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks, and steps instead of a hose.
- ☞ Avoid cutting lawns too short, leaving at least 2cm; longer grass blades help shade each other, reduce evaporation, and inhibit weed growth. Use these clippings as mulch to keep moisture in the ground.
- ☞ Wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- ☞ Park on the lawn to wash your car. Car shampoos use phosphates in a similar way to fertilizer so you'll be fertilizing your lawn at the same time.



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