



TIP # 1

HOUSEHOLD CONSERVATION

Using simple conservation practices at home can save water, money and time.

Outdoor Water Savings

1. Check with your Homeowner's Association regarding any landscaping restrictions.
2. During warmer months, water only during the cooler hours between 8 pm and 8 am.
3. Water only as fast as the soil can absorb.
4. Check sprinkler heads weekly for clogs or damage; repair or replace immediately.
5. Don't water hardscape surfaces; adjust sprinklers to prevent spray onto walkways, driveways, roads or buildings.
6. Set a timer when hand-watering.
7. Set irrigation timers monthly considering seasonal changes.
8. Group plants with similar water needs on the same irrigation zone.
9. Limit total lawn turf area.
10. Avoid planting turf on steep inclines or isolated strips.
11. Water lawn only when needed. Walk across the grass; if footprints appear, it's time to water.
12. When adding or replacing plants, choose native, low water use varieties.
13. Plant seasonal flowers in pots, not beds.
14. Start a compost pile. Add a layer of organic mulch in planting beds.
15. Create healthier landscapes by watering plants deeply, but less frequently.

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