

Quick Tips-Water Conservation

Conserve Water and Save Money in your Home

Indoors

- + Replace old toilets with high efficiency models
- + Replace showerheads with high efficiency models
- + Add aerators to existing faucets to reduce flow rates
- + Check fixtures for leaks and repair
- ♦ When replacing appliances look for high efficiency models that reduce water and energy use
- + Turn off faucets while shaving and brushing teeth
- + Fill sink with water to rinse dishes, running the faucet uses 3-7 gallons per minute Contact your local water provider about rebate and incentive programs, and ask how they can help you conserve water indoors

Outdoors

- + Water lawn and garden in the mornings or evenings when evaporation rates are lower
- ★ Add automatic timer and rain sensor to existing automated irrigation systems.
- + Install subsurface irrigation systems in new landscaping
- + Inspect irrigation system regularly for leaks and proper alignment of sprinkler heads
- + Water lawn only when necessary, if the blades of grass spring back when you step on it then you don't need to water
- + Plant native and drought resistant vegetation
- + Talk to your local garden center about using appropriate soil amendments for your area
- ★ Keep lawn and garden free of weeds (they need water too)
- + Use shutoff nozzles on hoses
- + When watering vegetation use minimal water flow from hoses to avoid runoff into areas that don't need watering
- + Clean sidewalk and driveway with broom instead of water
- + Keep pools and hot tubs covered

Contact your local water provider about rebate and incentive programs, and ask how they can help you conserve water outdoors



Resources

- > WRA Water Page www.westernresourceadvoc ates.org/water
- > American Water Works
 Association
 http://www.awwa.org/
 waterwiser/
- > The Colorado Water Conservation Board www.cwcb.state.co.us/ Conservation/FAQ.htm
- > Utah Governor's Water Conservation Team www.conservewater.utah.go v/
- > Nevada Division of Water Resources http://water.nv.gov/
- > Arizona Statewide Water
 Conservation Office
 www.water.az.gov/dwr/
 Conservation/
 ConservationHome.html
- > New Mexico Water Conservation Program www.ose.state.nm.us/water -info/conservation/ index.html