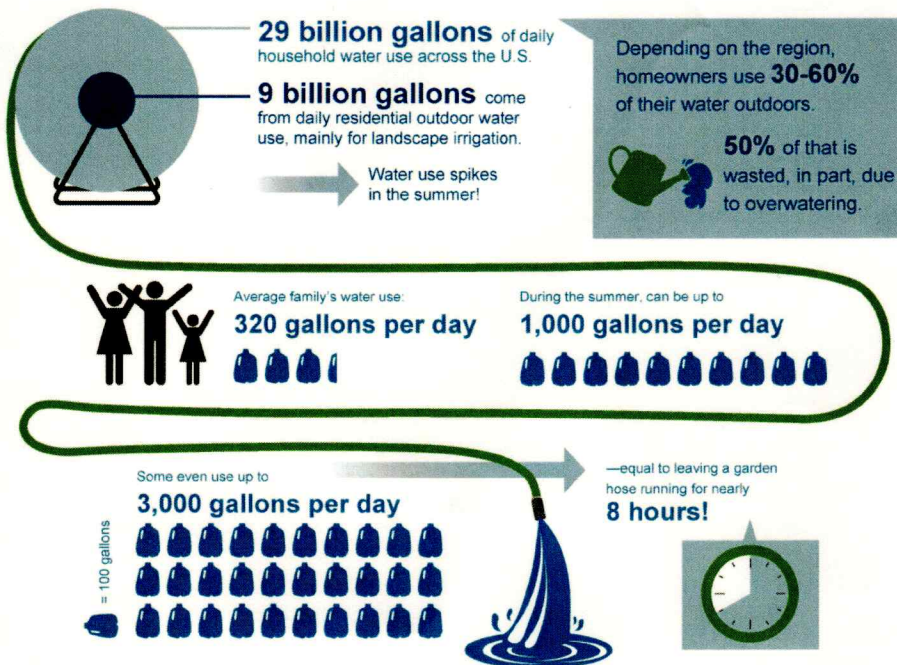


SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.



Simple Things We Can All Do



Simple Things Irrigation System Owners Can Do

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.

Timing is everything:

Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation.



Go with a pro:

Contractors certified through a WaterSense labeled program can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems so no water is wasted.



Look for the label:

If your system uses a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller that acts like a thermostat for your lawn, using local weather data to determine when and how much to water. They can reduce irrigation water use by 15%, saving nearly **8,800 gallons** of water per year.



Tune up your system:

Inspect irrigation systems, and fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Make sure you're watering the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway!

Just 1 broken sprinkler head could waste up to **25,000** gallons of water and **\$90+** over a 6-month irrigation season — the cost of about 300 daffodil bulbs.



WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply. For more tips on reducing outdoor water use, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor.



ATTENTION MILLSBORO RESIDENT – IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

With spring and summer around the corner many residents will be beginning to water their yards and gardens. Please take a quick look at the guide on the left provided by the EPA regarding outdoor water usage.

Outdoor watering can lead to high water bills. A standard 5/8 inch, 25-foot-long garden hose can use over **20 gallons of water a minute**. And a single average sprinkler head can use anywhere from **0.5 gallon per minute to 4 gallons per minute** or more depending on the configuration of the system.

Using the EPA's numbers, the quarterly bill for a Millsboro Resident with one residential house meter (\$0.59 per 100 gallons of water + \$1.20 per 100 gallons of sewer = \$0.0179 per gallon)

320 gpd x 91 days x \$0.0179 = **\$521.25**
 1,000 gpd x 91 days x \$0.0179 = **\$1,628.90**
 3,000 gpd x 91 days x \$0.0179 = **\$4,886.70**

So, watering your yard and garden can really add up quickly.

The Town of Millsboro does offer the ability for residents to purchase and install a second meter for outside usage. This second meter is only billed for water usage, once a year in July. This could save a resident money if their household has a lot of outside water usage such as an irrigation system. This is because if a resident only has a single residential meter all the usage is charged water and sewer.

So, with a second meter, using the EPA's numbers, this could save a resident up to **\$1,926.65** in one summer quarter.

It is important to note that if a resident chooses to water their lawn and garden through the household meter they will be charged for the water and sewer, the town does not subtract any sewer usage on the main bill.