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COLORADO WATER FOURTEENERS

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TIPS TO
CONSERVE WATER
OUTDOORS

Our love of the outdoor lifestyle in Colorado makes our yards, parks and open spaces of primo importance. Using water wisely outdoors is one of the best ways to save.



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COLORADO WATER LIVE LIKE YOU LOVE IT



1 DON'T RUN OFF

Only apply as much water as the soil can absorb. Use the Cycle and Soak method—break watering times into 3 short cycles, allowing an hour of soak time in between.



2 PROGRAM YOUR SPRINKLER

By programming your automatic sprinkler system to fit the weather conditions, you water when the plants need it, not by the clock.



3 RIGHT TIME YOUR WATERING

Water during the cooler hours and avoid sprinkling on windy days.



4 BE WEATHER SMART

If it has rained in the past few days, or will rain soon, don't water.



5 PLANT THE RIGHT PLANTS

Choose Plant Select® and X-rated plants that thrive in Rocky Mountain gardens.



6 DON'T WATER THE SIDEWALK

Don't water the sidewalk, rocks or road. They won't grow.



7 AERATE

Aerate in the spring or fall to open up soil to absorb more moisture.



8 SWEEP

Don't waste water by spraying off a driveway or sidewalk, use a broom instead.



9 INSTALL SMART SPRINKLERS

Use efficient technology like drip irrigation, rotary spray nozzles, and smart irrigation controllers.



10 CHECK FOR LEAKS

Check sprinkler systems and timing devices to be sure they are operating properly.



11 RAISE YOUR BLADE

Cut grass at least three inches in height to encourage deeper roots and better moisture retention. Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade.



12 AVOID OVER-FERTILIZING

The application of fertilizers increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.



13 MULCH

Mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps to control weeds that compete with plants for water.



14 XERISCAPE

Xeriscape is based on a combination of seven common sense principles to save water while creating lush, beautiful landscapes.