

COLORADO WATER
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WE'RE IN A DROUGHT

IT'S BEEN A DRY YEAR. HERE IN THE ARID WEST, PERIODIC DROUGHTS ARE A SIMPLE FACT OF LIFE. CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER FACTORS MAY BE CONTRIBUTING TO MORE FREQUENT AND SEVERE DROUGHTS. THANKFULLY, THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE CAN ALL DO TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES GET THROUGH DRY PERIODS.



Why isn't there ENOUGH WATER?

Colorado's booming population and climate change factors mean there just isn't enough water to go around. Dry periods exacerbate our long-term water shortage. Less snowpack in the winter means less water to fill our reservoirs in the spring. We all need to make changes now to reduce our water use – and maintain those changes in the future.

What happens during a drought?



High
Temperatures



Low
Rainfall



Dry
Earth

Temperatures rise, precipitation drops and soil moisture decreases. In order to thrive, agriculture and urban landscapes need more irrigation at a time when there's less water available.

We **ALL** have to get by with less water during a drought.



Why do utilities have water restrictions?

Water utilities are as different as we are. They have different water supplies, storage levels, and triggers that determine when they're in a drought. One tool nearly all utilities use during a drought is water restrictions. These guidelines change based on the severity of drought and changing water storage levels. Check your local water provider's website for current watering guidelines and other resources.

ADOPT A WATER-WISE LIFESTYLE

TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR HOME WATER USE

OUTDOOR WATER-SAVING TIPS

1. Use the cycle and soak method of breaking up your total watering time into three shorter intervals spaced about an hour apart.



2. Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken/mis-directed sprinkler heads by walking your yard and watching your system run.

3. Add 3-4 inches of mulch to your soil to help retain vital moisture. Many communities even provide free mulch!



INDOOR WATER-SAVING TIPS

4. Upgrade your toilet to a high-efficiency model that uses just 1.2 gallons per flush or less. Many utilities offer toilet rebates!



5. Keep an eye on your water use to catch hidden leaks, and repair them immediately.

Thank you for doing your part to save water!

Together we can make a difference in helping our communities get through dry times.



We can't predict future weather patterns...



So we don't know how long dry periods will last.



That's why it's important to make changes now to be more water-efficient...



And maintain those changes for the long-run.



Live like you love Colorado Water!

Visit lovecoloradowater.org for more water-savings resources. We also encourage you to visit your local water provider's website for additional information and possible incentives!



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