

Water Reduction Tips for Consumers

We are fortunate to have sustainable water sources. We must choose to be good stewards and not waste what we have. Although we have great water resources here through RLRWS, they are not infinite. Most of the lots in our development have sold and we need to work together so we can continue to enjoy our supply.

The following are tips and ideas for us to save water:

- **Sprinkler Systems and Yards**
 - While running your sprinklers water at night or early morning before the heat of the day.
 - Make sure your sprinkler heads are set so they only water what is needed.
 - Consider downsizing lawns and use zero-scaping as we live in a very dry area with sandy soil in several locations across our community.
 - Using drip irrigation in gardens and flower beds is another great way to conserve water.
- **Fix Leaks**
 - Up to 20 gallons per day may be lost due to leaky kitchen and bath faucets, and up to 200 gallons per day are lost due to leaky toilets.
- **Indoor Faucets**
 - Turn off running water when shaving or brushing your teeth. Bathroom faucets have the potential to run up to two gallons per minute.
- **Low Flow Considerations**
 - Toilets consume an average of 30% of the homes indoor water and showers use approximately 17%. Consider purchasing low flow toilets, sink faucets and shower heads to replace existing hardware.
- **Reuse Potable Water**
 - When doing tasks such as washing fruit or vegetables, collect the water and reuse it in the garden or for flowers.
- **Dishwashers**
 - Run only when full.
- **Underground Leaks**
 - Keep an eye out for underground leaks. Typically, if you have a patch of grass that is very green most of the year and the rest is dry, or there is a spot where snow always melts quickly, there is a good chance of an underground leak.
 - Underground pipes might need repair and this may be a large area for you to save on your water bill.