

Quick Water Conservation Checklist

1. Water only when your lawn needs watering.
2. Check toilet, faucets, and pipes for leaks.
3. Water lawn only during the cool times of the day.
4. Don't water the sidewalk, gutter or driveway.
5. Use a broom to clean sidewalks and driveway.
6. Take shorter showers.
7. Install water saving shower heads and toilets.
8. Adjust the water level on your washing machine to the appropriate level.
9. Don't run your dishwasher until it is full.
10. Plant drought resistant trees and plants.
11. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.
12. Don't run water while you are brushing your teeth, shaving etc.



Help preserve our water for the future.

Lawn Watering Guide

Month	Schedule
April	No Irrigation Recommended
May	21 Min. every 4 days*
June	21 Min. every 3 days*
July	21 Min. every 3 days*
August	21 Min. every 3 days*
Sept.	21 Min. every 6 days*
October	No Irrigation Recommended

*Your lawns requirements may vary slightly

Fun Water Figures

- Utah is the second driest state in the nation.
- Utah uses more water per capita than every state but Nevada (293 gallons per person per day).
- In South Jordan we use 208 gallons of water per person per day for residential use.
- As a City on average we use 8.1 million gallons of water per day.

For more information please visit the city's website at www.sjc.utah.gov with links to other informative websites.

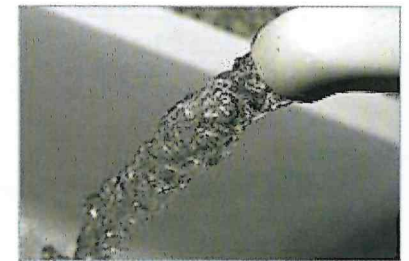


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Water Conservation Guide



Why should you conserve water?

Water is a limited resource, and demand will soon outgrow its supply. It cost millions of dollars to deliver water to our homes and that cost is always increasing. With careful consideration we can conserve Utah's precious water resource and delay costly water projects. Use this guide to help your home conserve water and help South Jordan save water.

Tips for conserving water at your house!



New low flow shower heads can still provide a good shower.

Indoor Water Conservation Tips

- **Install a low flow toilet**—Old toilets can use five to seven gallons per flush. New low flow toilets only use about 1.6 gallons per flush. This could be the best way to save water in your home.
- **Check for toilet leaks** - A leaking toilet can use as much as 100 gallons of water per day. To check your toilet simply put a little food coloring in the tank if it appears in the bowl, you have a leak that needs to be fixed.
- **Install low flow shower heads**— New low flow shower heads only use about 2.5 gallons per minute and still provide a great shower.
- **Fix leaking faucets and pipes**— Check for and fix leaking pipes and faucets. Even a small leak can waste up to 50 gallons per day.
- **Take shorter showers**— for every extra minute you spend in the shower you could be using 2.5 to 10 gallons per minute.
- **Don't leave the faucet running**— Turn the faucet off while you are brushing your teeth, shaving etc.

Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

- **Water right**—Don't water during the heat of the day. Watering should be done between 10 pm and 6 am when it is cooler outside.
- **Water longer** - Water your lawn less frequently but for a longer duration. This allows the water to be able to penetrate to the root zone and promote root growth. An example would be every three days for 21 minutes instead of every day for seven.
- **Watch the weather**—Don't water your lawn when it is raining or windy. Millions of gallons of water are wasted every year because people water their lawns when it is raining. Consider upgrading your sprinkling system with a rain switch or moisture sensor.
- **Adjust your sprinklers**— Check your sprinklers for misaligned heads, leaking pipes, and clogged lines. No matter how much you water the sidewalk, it will not grow!
- **Don't overwater**- Excessive watering is a waste. Water should never pool or be allowed to runoff your lawn during watering. If water is pooling consider adjusting your automatic sprinkling system to water 3 shorter cycles instead of 1 long cycle.



60%-70% of Utah's water is used for irrigation.

Water Saving Lawn Tips

- **Aerate your lawn**—Aerate your lawn in the spring or fall. Doing this breaks up the soil and allows water to penetrate to the root zone. Consider adding compost or an overseed after aeration.
- **Let your grass grow** - Let your grass grow

to 2-3 inches long before mowing. Longer grass will help improve root growth.



- **Use a mulching mower** - Leave grass clippings as a nutrient source for your lawn. Grass clippings will also help increase soil moisture.
- **Xeriscape**— Plant low water-use and drought resistant plants, trees, bushes and turf. You can visit the demonstration gardens at Jordan Valley Conservancy District, or for more information you can contact them at www.slowtheflow.org or call them at 1-877-SAVE-H2O.

How Much Water Do You Use?

Taking a Bath	uses 36 gallons
5 Minute Shower (low flow Shower)	uses 12 gallons
Dishwasher Load	uses 15 gallons
Load of Laundry	uses 30 gallons
Brushing Teeth	uses 3 gallons
Flushing Toilet (low flow)	uses 1.6 gallons

Utah Water Use

