



VOLUNTARY CUSTOMER ACTIONS

1.) Stop leaks. Check all water-using appliances, equipment, and other devices for leaks. Running toilets, steady faucet drips, home water treatment units, and outdoor sprinkler systems are common sources of leaks.

2.) Reduce Water Use Outdoors

- Reduce vehicle washing and use facilities that recycle water.
- Exterior paved surfaces should be swept rather than washed, unless necessary for such reasons as public health or safety.
- Minimize the need to refill pools, hot tubs, ponds, and other water feature.
- Keep pools covered when not in use so you will not lose water to evaporation.
- Reduce water use in the landscape and irrigation system
 - Fix leaks in the irrigation system promptly.
 - Turn off sprinkler zones that are not needed.
 - Do not water every day. Water every other day or every two days.
 - Water by hand instead of using your irrigation system if possible.
 - Attach a shut off nozzle on your hose when hand watering plants.
 - It is best to water between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Do not water in the middle of the day.
 - Plug up drip emitters that are not watering plants.
 - Turn down adjustable micro sprays.
 - Dry spots – add another emitter or fix sprinkler. Do not run the entire system longer.
 - Adjust sprinklers – keep water where it is supposed to be, no hardscape watering.
 - Hold off on new plantings. New plantings require more water to become established.
 - Amend soil and add mulch/compost to hold in moisture and reduce evaporation.
 - Catch excess water in a bucket and use on the landscape.

3.) Reduce Water Indoors

- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Avoid letting the water run when rinsing vegetables, cleaning dishes or defrosting food.
- Only wash full loads of laundry or dishes.
- Avoid using the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Take shorter showers.

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