

MAY WATER AWARENESS MONTH

We all do our best to use water wisely and make conservation a way of life. Our continued efforts are an important part of showing our gratitude for the water that fuels our economy and sustains our ecosystems.

The month of May is water awareness month reminding us to keep in mind that next to air, water is the most important element for the preservation of life.

So, as we move into the summer months here are some tips for ensuring we are all doing our part in the ongoing effort to conserve and protect this precious resource.

For some great ways to prepare your landscape for summer heat and keep your it healthy and looking beautiful all year long please go to the link on the next page.



TEN EVERYDAY WATER SAVING TIPS

1. Check your toilet for leaks.

Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that may be wasting more than 50 gallons of water a day.

2. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors

Your hardware or plumbing supply store stocks inexpensive shower heads or flow restrictors that will cut your shower flow to about three gallons a minute instead of five to ten. They are easy to install, and your showers will still be cleansing and refreshing.

3. Check faucets and pipes for leaks

Even a small drip can waste 50 or more gallons of water a day.

4. Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables

Rinse your vegetables instead in a bowl or sink full of clean water.

5. If you wash dishes by hand, do not leave the water running for rinsing

If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, first gather all your washed dishes in a dish rack, then rinse them quickly with a spray device or a pan of water.

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WATER SAVING TIPS CONTINUED...

6. Think about the weather

Marry your watering of landscape with the weather. Outdoor water use should decrease during rainy periods. Also, think about converting to weather-based controllers that utilize weather data. (see link below for rebate information)

7. Water during the cool parts of the day

Early morning is better than dusk since it helps prevent the growth of fungus.

8. Plant drought-resistant trees and plants

Many beautiful trees and plants thrive without irrigation.

9. Composting slows the evaporation of moisture.

Composting provides many benefits including minimizing run-off and increasing soil's capacity to hold water. Creating your own compost pile at home is not only easy but a great way to recycle your yard clippings and kitchen scraps.

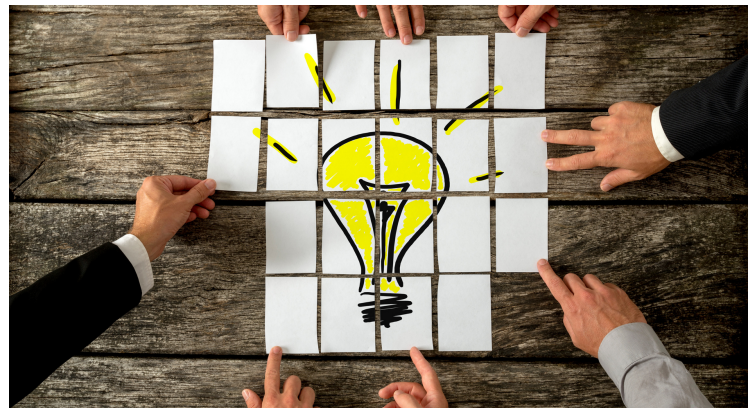
10. Check for leaks in pipes, hoses faucets, and couplings

Leaks outside the house are easier to ignore since they do not mess up the floor or keep you awake at night. However, they can be even more wasteful than inside water leaks especially when they occur on your main water line.

Learn about what you can do to conserve water inside and outside of your home. Rebates are still available to transform your lawn to a water-wise garden.

<https://www.rainbowmwd.com/water-use-efficiency-management>

<https://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/landscape-care/summer-scaping/>



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

In our ongoing efforts to engage with the local community members the District has assembled three committees that meet on a monthly basis. These committees are a vital part of the District's continued success.

The committee members report directly to the Board of Directors to make suggestions and offer valuable input on our day-to-day operations.

Being a part of the committee allow you the opportunity to play an active role in Budget and Finance, Engineering and Operations or Customer Service and Communications. We currently have openings in all three of these committees.

If you are interested and want to hear more about any of these committees, please come join us at any of our committee meeting.

Go to our website to find the meeting times at <https://www.rainbowmwd.com/meetings> or contact Dawn Washburn at (760) 728-1178 ext. 129 or by email at dwashburn@rainbowmwd.com. We hope to see you at our next meeting.