



## Water Conservation Tips

### Outdoor Conservation Tips

- Water lawn & garden in short intervals-prevent runoff. Try to only water every 3 to 5 days in the summer.
- Water lawn in early morning or late evening. Avoid watering in heat of day or when windy, use drip systems instead of sprinklers.
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- When washing your car-wash on lawn and use a hose with a shutoff nozzle.
- Place mulch around trees and plants to avoid excess evaporation.
- Install a timed-automated sprinkler system.
- Collect rain water to water landscaping within yard and home.
- **One inch per week is all your lawn needs.** Watering less often produces a deeper, healthier root system. Over watered lawns is the number one waste of our water resources. Runoff from over watered lawns washes away topsoil, fertilizers, and pesticides that pollute our water ways.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Set automatic sprinklers to three times a week for 20 minutes in each zone.
- Report all significant water losses (broken pipes, open hydrants, errant sprinklers, abandoned free-flowing wells, etc.) to the property owner, local authorities or your water management district.
- Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts. You can make a difference.

**For more conservation tips see the Bonney Lake Water Quality Report or call the TACOMA WATER UTILITY water conservation hotline at 253-502-8723, or visit [www.tacomawater.com](http://www.tacomawater.com).**

