

*Can you reduce your
daily water use by ...*

... 5 Gallons?

How much water do you use?

Gather two recent water bills and use the calculator on the right to see if you have reduced your water use. The state maximum recommended water use is 65 gallons* per person per day, but some households use less. Summer is the true test--water usage tends to double in the summer. How low can you go? Are you below 65? Can you save 5 gallons per person per day more?

Watering one inch of water on a one acre yard consumes 26,000 gallons - more than a standard 16' X 32' swimming pool.

Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection

	Total gallons consumed	Days in billing cycle	# of people in household	= GALLONS PER PERSON PER DAY
Bill 1	_____ ÷	_____ ÷	_____ =	_____
Bill 2	_____ ÷	_____ ÷	_____ =	_____

Subtract Bill 2 from bill 1 to see if you were able to save 5 gallons a day per person!
NOTE: If your water bill is in cubic feet (CF), multiply your consumption in cubic feet by 7.48 to convert to gallons, and then make the same calculation above. If your consumption is in hundreds of cubic feet (CCF), then multiply by 748 and follow the calculation.

TIP: Cut down on your water consumption by watering your lawn at dawn & only when necessary as determined by the "Walk Test".

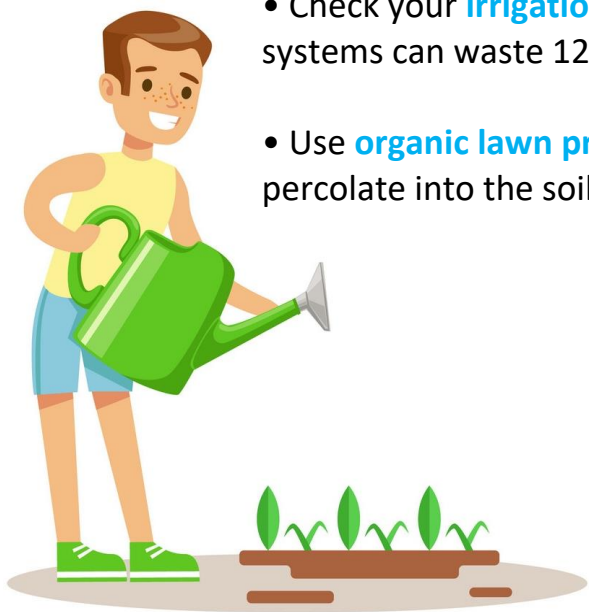
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Conserving water is the GREENSCAPES goal!

In order to have enough water for people, public safety, and to keep the rivers running for fish, we need to consume less water.

Summer water consumption can double due to lawn irrigation!
Here are some cost-effective ways to reduce summertime water usage.

- Collect rainwater in a rain barrel to reuse on a sunny day - you can easily fill a **55 gallon rain barrel** in just one storm.
- Water only when necessary as determined by the **walk test** and only if a watering ban is not in effect.
- Set a **timer** to water your lawn at dawn - the best time for the health of your lawn.
- Plant drought-tolerant, low maintenance **native plants**.
- Check your **irrigation system** to make sure it is working properly - unmaintained irrigation systems can waste 12 gallons a minute!
- Use **organic lawn products** - they improve the health of your soil and allow water to percolate into the soil. Organic products do not wash away as easily as synthetic products.



Interested in finding out more about these products and ideas?

Visit www.greenscapes.org – your complete source for a beautiful yard that protects our water.



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