



Catch on to conservation at

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Use Water Wisely...all we have is all we'll ever have

Water... it's yours for the asking, 24 hours a day. All you have to do is turn a faucet. But now think again. The water that we need and expect in our homes is not an infinite resource. Also, you're paying for every drop whether it's used or wasted. Conservation can be a solid favor to your pocket book.

Water conservation is a good way of life. Let's practice it together!



Do I have a leak?

Any number of factors can contribute to water consumption, and they are not always explainable. However, **when water passes through your water meter, you, as the property owner, are responsible for payment.** So, PAWSD would like to help you find water loss by pointing out some of the things you can do:

Review your water bill every month! If usage seems high, contact the District immediately. We can help you ascertain if you have a leak using our new Automated Meter Reading technology.

The most common cause of a small leak is a toilet. Free toilet tank leak detector tablets are available upon request. You may also place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Please wait at least twenty minutes and if any color appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Sprinkler systems can fail and run slowly without being detected. If there is snow on the ground, a leak may allow water to seep into the ground and not be discovered for several months.

Snow falling from the roof can turn on a hose bib! Faucet guards will protect your bib and can be installed as part of regular winter home preparation.

NOTE: Do not shut off District meter valves. If you need assistance to test for leaks, please contact the District Office at (970) 731-2691.

Do I have a thief?

There is also a possibility that someone could be using your water from outside faucets. A shut off valve can prevent such use when your home is vacant. If you do not have a shut off valve, we encourage you to have the water turned off at the meter pit anytime you plan on being away for an extended period of time. Turning the water off at the pit may avoid water theft and overage, should a leak develop between the meter and the home. PAWSD personnel are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no charge for turning the meter on or off during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A fee will be assessed when PAWSD services are requested after regular hours.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service staff at (970) 731-2691.



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Water Conservation at Home

- Limit showers to 5 minutes and install a 2.0 gallon-per-minute showerhead
- Install water efficient fixtures, i.e. replace 3.5 or 5-gallon toilets with 1.2 - 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilets
- Run only full loads in your washing machine or remember to set your machine for a lesser load if it can be adjusted
- Don't leave water running while shaving or brushing your teeth
- Periodically check all faucets in the home to ensure they are not dripping
- Make sure the dishwasher is fully loaded before you turn it on

Tips for Saving Water in Your Landscape

- Use drought-tolerant plants
- Adjust watering schedule seasonally and with changes in weather
- Use Drip (micro) irrigation systems
- Periodically check your sprinkler system to ensure it is operating properly. (Power outages can wreak havoc with timers)
- Replace lawns with ground covers requiring minimal water
- Avoid watering in the middle of the day and on days that are windy
- Turn off your sprinklers when it rains
- Train your plants to develop deep roots by watering thoroughly but infrequently
- Mulch around plants and shrubs to retain and prolong soil moisture
- Visit the PAWSD xeric garden this summer for landscaping ideas



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