

SPRING / SUMMER 2019

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WATER
COMPANY**

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BOARD MEETINGS

Held the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm.

May 14, 2019

June 11, 2019

July 9, 2019

August 13, 2019

When doing repairs, utilize the building's shut-off valve. DO NOT turn off the water at the meter pit!

Gardnerville Water Company **Newsletter**

GWC Welcomes Newest Members of the Team

- ◆ **Dave Ellison**, Board Member with a background as a CPA and a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA).
- ◆ **Ken Deering**, Board Member with a background in Electrical Engineering. Also an AARP Volunteer and Rotarian.
- ◆ **Leonard Pitts Jr.**, Operator who joins us from Washoe Tribe Utilities.

Tips for Efficient Landscape Watering

In Northern Nevada it's typically recommended that the sprinklers come back on sometime in April. However, if there will be a hard freeze after your sprinklers are on be sure to turn them off before the late freeze occurs.

For a typical home, watering three times a week during non-rainy months should be sufficient to keep your plants healthy. Rain or shine, the following tips can help improve the efficiency of your outdoor watering practices.

- ◆ Water between the hours of 6pm and 10am to reduce water lost to evaporation and wind.
- ◆ Add organic material to soil, such as mulch or compost, to help improve the soil's ability to retain water.
- ◆ Discuss conservation goals with your gardener or landscape professional. Use the right irrigation method and runtime to match your plant's water use needs.
- ◆ Turn off irrigation when it's raining or install a rain sensor.

◆ Check your irrigation system regularly to identify misdirected spray heads or leaks. Manual adjustment is often all that is required to redirect a spray head to the appropriate area and avoid overspray.

- ◆ Help avoid water losses from overspray or runoff.
- ◆ For gardens on a sloped area or with compacted soil, adjust the irrigation controller to run multiple start times on watering days.

For example, if you normally water for 10 minutes, adjust the schedule to water for 5 minutes, turn off for an hour, and then water again for another 5 minutes. This allows the soil to absorb water at an appropriate rate.

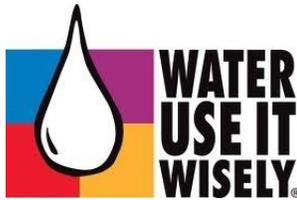
- ◆ Use a mulched or planted border adjacent to sidewalks and other hardscapes to help capture and prevent runoff.
- ◆ Consider converting overhead sprinklers to drip irrigation. This is the most effective way to provide water directly the roots.



WAYS TO SAVE

Even though **70%** of planet Earth is covered with water, only **1%** of it is available for human consumption. Lakes, rivers and aquifers struggle to meet the growing demand for fresh water. If current usage trends don't change, the world will have only **60%**

of water needs in 2030. What can you do to conserve our natural resource?



Brushing Your Teeth

While you brush your teeth, turn off the tap to save up to 200 gallons of water per month.

Washing your Hands

The average American washes their hands nearly 9 times per day. If you scrub your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, you could save at least 6 gallons per day by turning off the tap while you scrub.

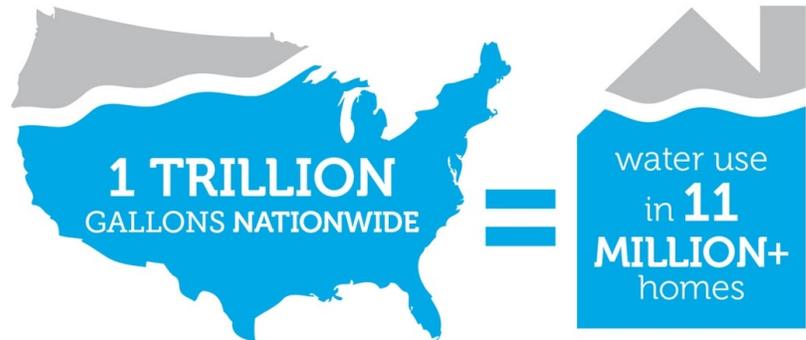
Washing Dishes

An energy-efficient dishwasher typically uses as little as 4 gallons of water per cycle, hand washing can use up to 20 gallons. Run the dishwasher when it is full. No dishwasher? Scrape dirty dishes into the trash, fill up the sink with water, and wash the dishes all at once instead of washing dishes one-by-one under constantly flowing water.

In the Kitchen

Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of a running faucet. Defrost food in the fridge instead of using water. When boiling food, use just enough water to cover food.

TIP: Using less water when boiling vegetables will also preserve flavor and nutrients.



Faucets

Find and fix any leaky faucets.

A faucet leaking 60 drops per minute will waste 192 gallons per month. That is equal to 2,304 gallons per year.

Install efficient faucets and/or faucet aerators.

The EPA WaterSense program labels efficient faucets and aerators that use a maximum of 1.5 gallons per minute. Look for the WaterSense label when selecting new faucets or aerators.

Turn off the faucet.

When lathering hands, shaving, or brushing teeth. Save 30 gallons a day, that's almost 11,000 gallons a year.

Toilets

Sometimes it is easy to tell that your toilet is leaking - you hear the sound of running water or a faint hissing or trickling. But many times, water flows through the tank silently, which is why these leaks are often overlooked.

How to check your toilet for leaks
Remove the toilet tank lid.

- Drop one dye tablet (available at the GWC office) or 10 drops of food coloring into the tank.
- Put the lid back on. Do not flush.
- Wait at least 10-15 minutes, and then look in the bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak. If no coloring, the toilet is not leaking.

Showering

A bath typically uses up to 30 gallons of water, whereas a five-minute shower will use only 10-25 gallons depending on the efficiency of showerhead. Opt for a shower to save water.

Drinking Water

Hot outside? Rather than running the tap until water gets cold, fill up a large water bottle, carafe or pitcher and keep it in the fridge.

Refreshingly simple.