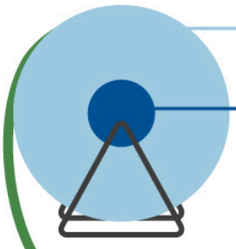
SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.



29 billion gallons of daily household water use across the U.S.

9 billion gallons come from daily residential outdoor water use, mainly for landscape irrigation.

Water use spikes in the summer!

Depending on the region, homeowners use **30-60%** of their water outdoors.



50% of that is wasted, in part, due to overwatering.



Average family's water use:

320 gallons per day



During the summer, can be up to

1,000 gallons per day



Some even use up to

3,000 gallons per day





—equal to leaving a garden hose running for nearly

8 hours!



Simple Things We Can All Do



Step on it:

Step on the lawn: if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.

Leave it long:

Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

Take a sprinkler break:

Grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.

Simple Things Irrigation System Owners Can Do

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.

Timing is everything:



Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation.



Go with a pro:

Contractors certified through a WaterSense labeled program can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems so no water is wasted.

Look for the label:



If your system uses a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller that acts like a thermostat for your lawn, using local weather data to determine when and how much to water. They can reduce irrigation water use by 15%, saving nearly **8,800 gallons** of water per year.

Tune up your system:

Inspect irrigation systems, and fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Make sure you're watering the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway!

Just 1 broken sprinkler head could waste up to **25,000** gallons of water and **$90+** over a 6-month irrigation season — the cost of about 300 daffodil bulbs.



WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply. For more tips on reducing outdoor water use, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor.

