

UPGRADE AND SAVE

- Replace older toilets with low flow models.
- Replace washing machines with water efficient models.
- Repair or replace broken sprinkler heads and valves.
- Install water saving fixtures.

Free Water Conservation Kits

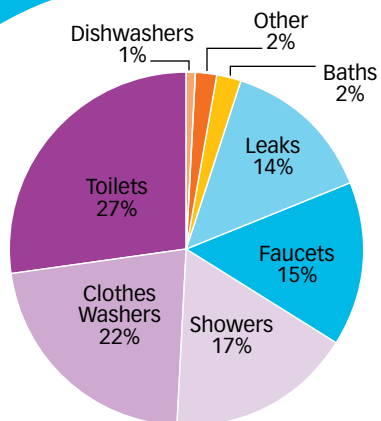
United Water Idaho residential customers can get free outdoor water conservation kits! Visit our office at 8248 W. Victory Road to pick up your kit. There are two different packages available: One contains a hose timer and trigger spray nozzle; the other features a rain sensor, which will shut off your automatic sprinkler system when it rains to prevent overwatering.

You can choose one or both of these water-saving kits for your home.

WATER USE STATISTICS

Total Indoor Daily Use

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USE WATER WISELY

A Guide to Water Conservation





CONSERVATION INSPIRATION

Water is a precious natural resource and we encourage our customers to use it wisely. If you don't conserve, you're pouring water — and money — down the drain. You can significantly reduce your water consumption by taking just a few simple steps both inside and outside your home. There are many ways to save — so tighten those taps, discontinue those drips and use water wisely!

Seek Leaks

Check for leaking faucets, leaking irrigation systems and leaking toilets. To check for a leaky toilet, drop a dozen drops of food coloring into the tank. Do not flush for 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl during that time, you have a leak that needs to be repaired.



Slow the Flow Inside

- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- Use a partially filled sink to rinse your razor.
- Take short showers or a shallow bath.
- Chill tap water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Run the washing machine and the dishwasher only with full loads.

Save Water, Save Energy, Save Money

United Water Idaho's summer rates went into effect May 1. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission authorizes the 25-percent increase in seasonal rates to encourage conservation during the summer irrigation season. Summer rates are in effect through September 30.

In the summer, the average Boise homeowner uses nearly 400 percent more water than in the winter, mainly because of landscape irrigation. That increase in usage comes at a cost: Higher water bills for customers, and wasting of this precious resource.

Our water comes from the underground aquifer and the Boise River. By conserving water, we prolong the life of the supply and use less energy. It takes a lot of electricity to pump, treat and distribute water to United Water Idaho's nearly 250,000 customers every day.

By practicing the simple conservation tips in this guide, you can save water, save energy and save money.



BE WATER WISE

Water-efficient or xeriscape landscaping enhances the beauty of your yard while conserving water. This incorporates seven principals: planning and design, soil preparation, selecting plants suited to the soil and climate, creating practical turf areas, using mulches, irrigating efficiently and performing proper maintenance. Water-efficient gardening can translate into substantial savings during the summer months.

Learn more about low-water landscaping by visiting our garden at United Water's office on Victory Road, or the demonstration gardens at the Idaho State Capitol Building or the Idaho Botanical garden. United Water Idaho is proud to sponsor these low-water gardens.

Save Outside

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clear debris from sidewalks.
- Set your lawn mower to 3 inches. Longer grass allows less evaporation.
- Sprinkle the lawn, not the pavement.
- Water the lawn only when needed. To reduce evaporation, water in the cool morning hours and avoid watering on windy days.
- Make sure your hose has a shut-off nozzle.
- Cover your pool to reduce evaporation.
- Wash your car with soap and water from a bucket.