

Water Conservation

The easiest and most effective way to conserve thousands of gallons of water around your home is to reduce the water you use on your landscape.

Tips to Save Water Outdoors

- Dethatch and aerate lawns for better water absorption. Clip lawns no shorter than 2 inches.
- Leave the grass clippings on the lawn. They're 90% water and provide nitrogen.
- Water only after 7:00 p.m. or before 10:00 a.m. to avoid excessive loss to evaporation.
- Use soaker hoses or drip systems.
- Adjust sprinklers so you are watering only what grows, not the street or the sidewalk.
- Check hoses and sprinkler systems for leaks and fix them promptly.
- Include a rain sensor and a soil moisture sensor in your automatic sprinkler system.
- Use a broom to clean the driveway or patio, instead of the hose or power washer.
- Reduce the size of your lawn.
- Consider drought-tolerant plants to manage summer dryness.

Conserving water not only protects this finite resource, but also saves energy and money.

For more water conservation tips, including ways to save indoors, visit northbendwa.gov

