



SUMMER SAVINGS

Learn how you can save water and money this summer.

All across the country, water conservation is more important than ever. As temperatures increase, so does our water use, especially outdoors. You can take simple steps to save water and money this summer. Water conservation is a shared responsibility, and we're here to help!



Water use spikes in the summer. Adjust your watering to make the most out of the water you use.



Water in the early morning or evening to limit evaporation.



Avoid overwatering. Water for no more than 15 minutes per day and for only three days a week at most.



If rain is in the forecast, turn your sprinkler system off ahead of time.



Make impactful changes to your water use outdoors by upgrading to a water-wise yard.



Replace thirsty turf with native plants.



Use drip systems for plants, flowers and older trees.



Add mulch around plants and trees to help retain moisture.



Use a smart controller that will adjust your watering automatically based on the weather.

STOP LEAKS AND SAVE!

You can save water by stopping water waste. 10% of homes have leaks that waste **90 gallons** or more a day! Check out the simple tips below. Visit missouriamwater.com > **Water Information** > **Detecting Leaks** for more information.



Test your toilet. Put a drop of food coloring into the toilet tank. After 10 minutes, if any color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.



Keep an eye on your yard. Tree roots can intrude on pipes. Watch out for new tree growth and wet patches or sinkholes.



Listen for running water. Check in on your pipes and listen for drips from faucets or showerheads and running water from your toilet.



Be a conscientious gardener. Make sure your hose is properly turned off. Look for signs of irrigation system leaks like mushy sod or pooling.