



June 2018

Summer Water Conservation Tips

During the summer, most water bills can double and maybe even triple. In fact, about 32% of your annual water bill goes to summer water use.

Here are a few basic tips to keep us on track and make sure we're not wasting water.

Outdoor Tips

- ✿ Equip all hoses with shut-off nozzles.
- ✿ Take your car to a car wash that recycles and reuses the wash water.
- ✿ Fix all dripping hose bibs.
- ✿ Cover the pool when you're not using it to prevent unnecessary evaporation.
- ✿ Adjust sprinklers so that they don't water the sidewalk or street.
- ✿ Sweep your driveways and patios instead of spraying them with water.

Lawn Care Tips

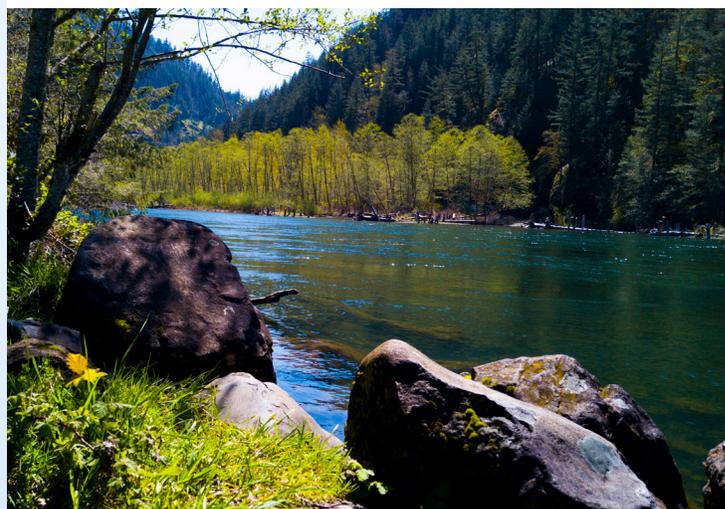
A healthy lawn needs less water, pesticides, and fertilizers. Typical Willamette Valley lawns need only one inch of water a week, unless it's really hot.

- ✿ Aerate lawns in the early summer to allow water and air to reach the roots.
- ✿ Mow high to shade roots, keep soil cool and retain soil moisture.
- ✿ Mulch grass clippings to naturally green up your lawn.
- ✿ Water one inch a week, unless it's really hot.
- ✿ Fertilize organically to protect kids, pets, and the environment.
- ✿ Skip the weed and feed products. Many of these can damage soil as well as pollute our waterways.

Summer's Coming- Be Water-Wise!

Clackamas River Water's drinking water comes from the Clackamas River, which is replenished with snowfall and rainfall in Mt. Hood National Forest. Melting snowpack in higher elevations of the watershed helps maintain stream flow and keep the river water cool all summer long. Summer flows are also bolstered by a series of creeks and streams in the basin that originate from aquifers, many of which rely on rainfall that percolates through the soil to replenish the groundwater.

This year rainfall has been about average, but our snowpack was below normal. Without a robust snowpack it is likely that we'll see below average streamflow and warmer than average water temperatures as we move through the hot dry summer months. **Water conservation and efficiency are always a good idea, but it's especially important in the summertime.** Water conservation is easy and can start with simple steps like replacing faucet aerators and fixing pesky toilet leaks.



CRW is committed to ensuring we have plenty of water to serve our communities while preserving the healthy, natural environment of the Clackamas River that we all know and love. Simple voluntary water conservation measures keep extra water where it belongs- in the river.

Exciting Changes to CRW's Conservation Rebate Program



Clackamas River Water is a proud member of the Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP). Starting July 1st all conservation rebates will be distributed by the CRWP. The CRWP offers six water use rebates up to \$485 in value.

- Toilets
- Washing Machines
- Rain Sensors/Switches
- Manual Hose Bib Timers
- Smart Irrigation Controllers
- Multi-Stream Rotating Nozzles

For more information and rebate applications visit www.cwater.com/conservation.

Welcome, Commissioner French!

Commissioner Sherry French most recently served as a member of the Clackamas River Water (CRW) Budget Committee. This experience helped her gain an understanding of current CRW initiatives and projects, as well as familiarization of the duties required to serve as a commissioner. In other civic activities, Commissioner French served on preschool boards and held various offices for a homeowner association. Commissioner French has been a Clackamas River Water ratepayer for 40 years.

Commissioner French was sworn in during the May 25, 2018 Special Board Meeting and fills former Commissioner Larry Sowa's remaining term ending June 30, 2019.



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Wednesday, July 4th
in observance of
Independence Day.



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Clackamas River Water

Preparing for
the **BIG ONE**
means you'll
also be prepared
for day-to-day
emergencies too.

Get your Kit Together!



3
DAYS
Good!

7
DAYS
Better!!

14
DAYS
Best!!!

If preparing for the BIG ONE seems like a lot of work for something that may not happen in our lives, think about it this way- preparing for a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake will ensure you are also prepared for other, more common emergencies. Here are three things you can do to prepare for emergencies:

- 1. Get a kit.** Being prepared means having the right supplies and being able to access them easily when you may need them. You can stock your own emergency kit or purchase a ready-made one. Find out more about what to include in your kit at <http://bit.ly/RedCross-PrepareGuide> or <http://bit.ly/RWPC-GetYourKitTogether>.
- 2. Sign up to get public alerts.** PublicAlerts.org is a website that provides news and information on major service disruptions in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. PublicAlerts.org's sign up page includes links to county-specific emergency notification systems throughout Oregon and SW Washington.
- 3. Know how to shut off your home's water supply.** Knowing where your home's shut-off valve is, and making sure that the other members of your household do too, will help ensure that you can quickly shut your water off during or after an emergency. Learn more at http://bit.ly/RWPC_H2OShutOff