

Creative Conservation!



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Keep a bucket in your bathroom and/or kitchen and under your hanging baskets to collect graywater! This water can be used again for watering.



Try using innovative ways of growing vegetables, such as an aeroponic garden.



Rather than letting the tap run until cool, put a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge.



Drain your kids' pool by pouring the water under a tree



Wash your pet outside over an area that needs watering



Collect rainwater to use for your plants



Contact Us

Water Conservation Division



Resources & Questions:

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www.ashland.or.us/drought2015
www.ashlandsaveswater.org

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Surviving Drought

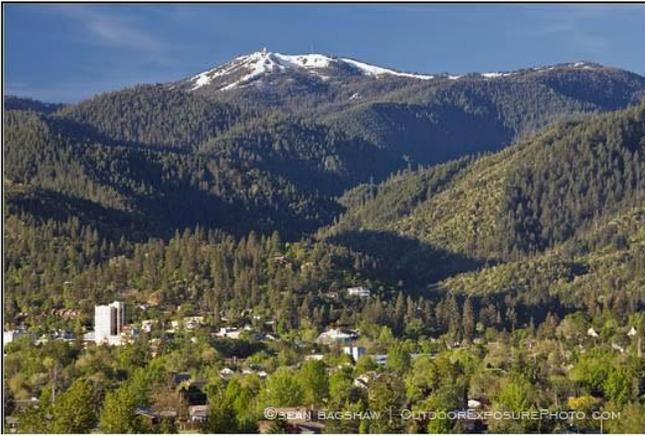


A Guide for Water Conservation

Learn how you can help to
preserve Ashland's precious water
supply during drought



Ashland's Precious Water



Ashland's primary source of water is collected from rainfall and snowmelt in the Ashland Creek Watershed and stored in Reeder Reservoir high above town.



We depend on the snowpack that collects in our watershed to be there to refill our reservoir and get us through the summer months.



The lack of snowpack this past winter means our water supply is limited and we all need to make sure we are using our water as efficiently as possible.



The good news is that there are a lot of simple ways to reduce the amount of water we use both indoors and outdoors; here are our programs and some great water saving tips!

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

- Lawn Replacement Program
- Sprinkler System Evaluations
- Indoor Water Use Evaluations
- Toilet, dishwasher and clothes washer rebates
- Giveaways (showerheads, aerators, toilet leak detect tablets, and moisture meters)

OUTDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

- ☆ Water plants only when they need it
- ☆ Prioritize your watering needs by watering trees first then shrubs and flowers and then lawn
- ☆ Check soil moisture before watering by using a soil moisture meter
- ☆ Let the soil dry between watering. Roots will grow deeper looking for water below the surface
- ☆ Adjust sprinkler timers throughout the summer to account for current weather conditions
- ☆ Adjust sprinklers so only plants are being watered and not the street or sidewalk
- ☆ Check for leaks (read your meter)
- ☆ Use sprinkler timers to avoid overwatering
- ☆ Water between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM
- ☆ Add mulch to your garden beds to lock in moisture and minimize evaporation
- ☆ Cover the swimming pool to reduce evaporation
- ☆ Wash your car using a bucket
- ☆ Sweep instead of hosing off driveways, sidewalks, and steps
- ☆ Replace lawn areas with drought tolerant plants; ask about our **Lawn Replacement Program!**
- ☆ Visit Ashland's WaterWise website when deciding what to plant at ashlandsaveswater.org



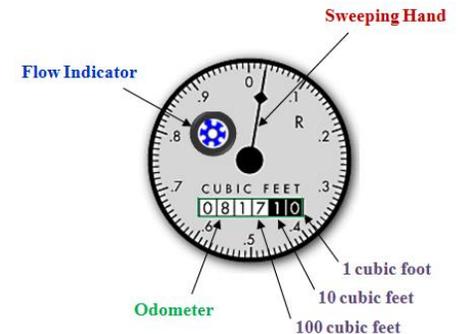
Call the **Conservation Division** to schedule an indoor or outdoor water audit!

INDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

- ☆ Turn water off when you brush your teeth
- ☆ Take short showers instead of baths
- ☆ Apply for rebates from the city when purchasing EnergyStar™ and WaterSense™ appliances, such as toilets, dishwashers, and clothes washers
- ☆ Avoid letting the water run when rinsing vegetables, cleaning dishes or defrosting food
- ☆ Fix leaks promptly. Even a small faucet drip can waste several gallons of water each day
- ☆ Wait until you have a full load of dishes before running your dishwasher
- ☆ When washing clothes, adjust the water level to fit the size of the load
- ☆ Avoid using the toilet as a wastebasket



Reading Your Meter



Read the "odometer" on two consecutive days and subtract the second number from the first to get the total daily usage in *cubic feet*. Multiply that number by 7.48 to get your usage in gallons.