

In these economic times and as more families are watching their budgets, we at the City of Pasco are committed to building awareness and helping our customers take an active role in water conservation. Conservation is good for future generations and your current budget. Enclosed are some of the easy ways you can conserve water and keep money in your pocket – Choose ways that work for you!

INDOOR WATER SAVING KITS - FREE!

**SAVES UP TO 6,000
GALLONS PER YEAR!**

This kit includes the following items with installation instructions:

- 2** Toilet Leak Detection Tablets
- 1** High Efficiency Shower Head (2.0 gpm)
- 1** Kitchen Faucet Aerator (2.2 gpm)
- 1** Bathroom Faucet Aerator (0.5 gpm)

Limit of 2 kits per household (including multi-family housing units). Bring your water bill into Pasco City Hall and pick up your kit at the Customer Service Windows.



Water is a resource worth saving because there is no equivalent on earth! We all share the same water so we must all do our part to conserve and protect this precious resource.

EVERY DROP COUNTS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you would like more information about water conservation, water rates or more ways for you to get involved, please contact City of Pasco Engineering, (509) 545-3444.

For additional tips and ideas on saving water and reducing your water bill visit:

www.wateruseitwisely.com

www.epa.gov/watersense/

www.pasco-wa.gov/waterconservation

TIPS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

IT'S IMPORTANT – IT'S EASY!



INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Capture shower and faucet “warm-up” water. Use it to water plants or to wash the floor or car.
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator or use ice to cool tap water. Running the tap until the water cools wastes water!
- Avoid using the garbage disposal. Most kitchen wastes (except meat products) can be recycled into nutrient-rich compost for your outdoor plants and garden.



• Install water saving fixtures such as low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. FREE water saving kits featuring these components are available for Pasco water customers. Bring your water bill into Pasco City Hall and pick up your kit at the Customer Service Windows.

- Replace older toilets with high-efficiency models. Older toilets can be the biggest water users in the home. Technology has improved greatly since the first low-flow toilets were produced a decade ago, and many of today's models function quite effectively.
- Buy a water and energy efficient washing machine. High Efficiency (HE) models save 6,000 to 8,000 gallons of water a year, use less energy and detergent, and do a great job getting clothes clean!

OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Check for leaks in sprinklers, hoses, pipes and couplings. Repair leaks promptly.
- Think twice about fertilizing this spring. Fertilizers force plant growth and increase the amount of water a plant needs. If you must fertilize, use organic or slow-release fertilizers.
- Make your soil water-efficient. Before you plant, add 3 to 6 inches of organic matter to your soil and rototill. This allows your soil to hold water and nutrients in reserve and reduces the need for fertilizing and constant watering.
- Mulch around trees, shrubs and other plantings. Mulch helps prevent soil moisture loss, cutting down on watering needs. Adding compost or manure to soil before planting also helps retain soil moisture near plant roots, where it is needed.
- Water your lawn deeply and infrequently. One inch of water a week is generally all your lawn needs. Place several cups or empty tuna cans around your lawn while watering to measure how long it takes to apply one inch of water to your lawn.
- Aerate and de-thatch your lawn if water won't penetrate the soil.
- Cut it high and let it lie. You've heard this before, but longer grass has deeper roots, and deeper roots have better access to soil moisture (2" to 3" tall is ideal). Leaving grass clippings on the lawn provides a source of nutrients and helps retain soil moisture.
- Use a shut-off nozzle when using a hose to water outdoors or wash the car. Park the car on the lawn while you wash it and you will be watering your grass at the same time.



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- Use a broom to sweep your driveway or sidewalk. Using a hose to clean these surfaces wastes water and costs you money!
- Water your lawn only before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. Watering during the day means much of the water is lost to evaporation.
- Adjust sprinklers to water only what grows. Watering sidewalks and driveways wastes water.
- Invest in a rain sensor and irrigation timers for your sprinkler system. These will help ensure that you water only when your lawn needs it.
- Consider replacing some turf with low-water-demand plants and incorporating native plants in your landscaping. Native plants and select perennials require less water than turf grass and many ornamentals. Also, planting in the fall means your new plants can use the fall rains to become established, rather than requiring attention and water throughout the dry summer.
- Choose and place landscape plants with their watering needs in mind. Place water-demanding plants in shady or low-lying areas; drought-tolerant plants in drier areas. Group plants with similar watering needs rather than mixing water-demanding and drought tolerant plants.

