

DO YOUR PART,  
BE **Water Smart**

**We need water to live —  
but it is a limited resource:**

We use more water during the summer when it rains the least.

Delivering water to our taps costs millions of dollars and is increasing.

Demand for water in the summer is outpacing our current supply.

**Water conservation accomplishes  
two important things:**

It makes the best use of our precious water supply,

And it is usually the “least cost” alternative to a new water supply because of the costs of building and maintaining new infrastructure.

**Use Utah’s water wisely!**

**What can I do to conserve water?**

Post this check list on your refrigerator as a handy reminder of ways you can manage your water use better and even save money.

1. Water your lawn right—and that’s at night—between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
2. Adjust your watering schedule as the weather changes to avoid overwatering.
3. Aerate your lawn when needed so water soaks in freely. Spring or fall is the best time to do this.
4. Water your lawn separately from other landscaped areas...and water only things that grow!
5. Mulch your planting beds to minimize evaporation
6. Use a shut-off nozzle on the hose when you wash your car
7. Clean your driveway, patio and sidewalks with a broom instead of the hose
8. Check for leaks around the house, including dripping faucets, running noise in toilet, etc.
9. Consider installing water efficient plumbing fixtures.
10. Think about water and ways you and your family can manage it better. You will benefit from these savings year around!

For more information call:

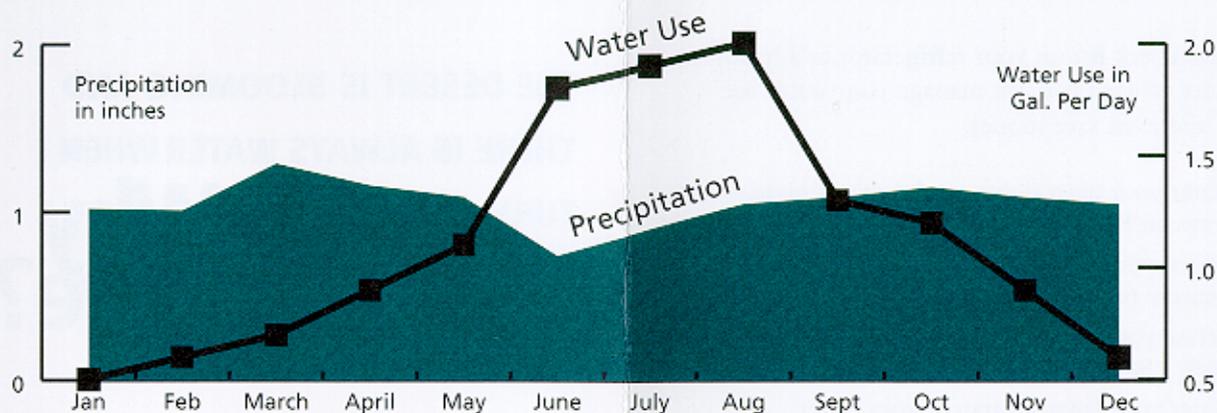


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**THE DESERT IS BLOOMING AND  
THERE IS ALWAYS WATER WHEN I  
TURN ON MY TAP, SO**

**Why  
Conserve?**





## Why conserve water?

Utah's per capita water use is 269 gallons per day (gpd) compared to the Mountain States average of 241 gpd and the national average of 179 gpd. Only Nevada uses more water per capita (Div. of Water Resources Dec. 1998).

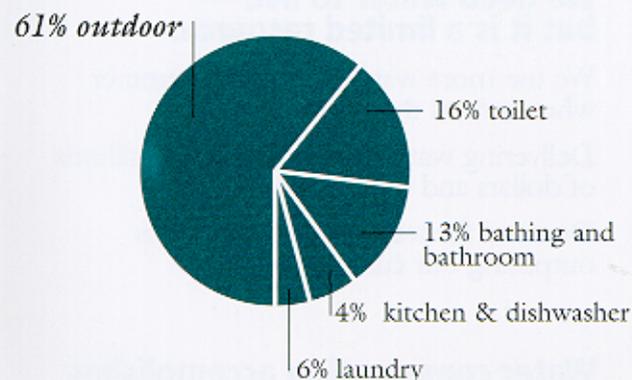
Our peak snow and rainfall comes during January through May, but the highest demand occurs in July and August (Utah State University Climate Center, 1998)



- 💧 Approximately 61% of Utah's residential water is used for outdoor landscapes (DWR Dec. 1998).
- 💧 A properly designed landscape that includes low water plants and trees can be more water *and* energy efficient.
- 💧 Continuing growth and development will place increasing demands on our current water supply.
- 💧 Even with reservoirs and other storage facilities, our summertime use is straining our current water supply.
- 💧 New water resources and infrastructure will cost millions of dollars in increased rates.
- 💧 New sources of water will require more treatment to meet water quality standards.
- 💧 Environmental impacts and government regulations place increasing limitations on future water supplies.
- 💧 As a desert state we have an obligation to effectively manage our limited water resources.
- 💧 And just as importantly, conservation is usually the least-cost alternative to a new water supply.

## How do we use Utah's water?

Most of the "excess" residential water used during summer is used outdoors — for gardens and lawns, to wash cars, to hose down driveways, and even to cool off the kids or the dog. We often double or even triple daily consumption. By watering "right," you can maintain a healthy, beautiful landscape that invites butterflies, birds, and creates a "backyard habitat."



## How does my water use stack up to that of other households?

Talk to your water supplier to find out how your water use compares to other customers. If you find that your usage is below normal, keep up the good work! If it is above normal, now is a good time to look for savings.