



Water Conservation Tips

Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. There are many effective ways to conserve water in and around your home.

Did you know?

The average Flower Mound household uses 26,222 gallons of water during a typical summer month, which equates to a monthly water cost of \$125.13.

Indoor Conservation Tips...

- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when it is full, it could save you 300 - 800 gallons a month.
- If your shower can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, then replace with a water-efficient showerhead.
- Take shorter showers. Save 5 – 10 gallons for every minute you cut back.
- If a shower is not available, reduce the water used in the bathtub by two inches.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save 140 gallons a week.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
- Install faucet aerators to reduce water consumption.
- Insulate all hot water pipes to reduce the delays and wasted water experienced while waiting for the water to "run hot."
- Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons each month.
- If you have a fish tank, use the old water after you clean the tank to water your plants. It's rich in nitrogen and phosphorous that plants love.

Outdoor Conservation Tips...

- Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
- Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days. After all, sidewalks and driveways don't need water.
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes. Frequent watering causes shallow root growth and will result in a lawn that will not tolerate the hot, dry weather that is typical for this area.
- Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low-water use plant for year-round landscape color and save up to 550 gallons each year.
- Adjust your watering schedule to the season. Water your lawn every third day during the summer and your winter lawn every fifth day.
- Bathe your pets outdoors in an area in need of water.
- Consider implementing organic gardening methods as an alternative to the traditional chemical herbicides and pesticides.
- Many garden chemicals persist in the environment for a very long time, and can eventually find their way back into the lakes that supply us with our drinking water.

What Does Water Cost?

Usage in Gallons	Cost
5,000	\$37.28
10,000	\$53.58
15,000	\$73.28
20,000	\$96.38

Usage in Gallons	Cost
25,000	\$119.48
50,000	\$234.98
75,000	\$367.48



Town of Flower Mound

With meteorologists predicting the drought affecting the Dallas/Fort Worth area will continue through the summer, North Texans have begun taking measures to protect water supplies, our most precious natural resource. In accordance with the contract between Flower Mound and Dallas Water Utilities, one of the community's two water providers, the Town enacted the following water conservation measures on Dec. 19, 2011:

Stage 1 – Water Conservation Measures

Mandatory:

- Residents and businesses are prohibited from watering lawns, gardens, or landscaping between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Voluntary:

- Residents and businesses with a street address ending in an even number, and for locations without an address are requested to limit watering landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.
- Residents and businesses with a street address ending in an odd number are requested to limit watering landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems to Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday.
- Apartments, office building complexes, or other

property containing multiple addresses shall be identified by the lowest address number.

- Watering landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, faucet-filled bucket, or drip irrigation.

The conservation measures will remain in effect indefinitely until water supplies reflect a significant improvement and Dallas Water Utilities lifts all contractually-obligated restrictions. Flower Mound remains committed to the health and safety of all residents by maintaining and preserving adequate water supplies for fire protection, and residential and business use. For additional voluntary water conservation measures and tips and information about the Town's water conservation program, please visit www.flower-mound.com/utilities/water.php or contact Public Works at 972.874.6400.

Water Conservation Program

The water conservation program is intended to reduce wasteful water uses that threaten to deplete the water supply and to create public awareness of water use issues in our region. The Town's water suppliers, the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) and the City of Dallas (Dallas), require their contractual users to implement and enforce an annual conservation plan. Conservation is one of several strategies recommended by the Regional Water Planning Group, which is a collective group of water suppliers and users in the North Central Texas area.

The Town offers brochures and information relating to water conservation. Please stop by the Customer Service Division at Town Hall to pick up this material. In addition to saving money, water conservation is environmentally sound. Wise usage preserves one of our most precious commodities, especially during the Texas summer heat. You may also find more information on our Region C Water Planning Group at www.regioncwater.org. Your cooperation is the key to the success of this program.

For more information, contact Public Works at 972.874.6400 or Utility Billing at 972.874.6010.