



# 2016 FLOWER MOUND WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



## 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](http://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.

### *DID YOU KNOW?*

The average Flower Mound household uses 17,175 gallons of water during a typical summer month, which equates to a monthly water cost of \$96.94.

## Tips for Conserving Water OUTDOORS

- Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
- Choose shrubs and ground covers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- Install covers on spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Water your lawn or garden in the evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Use sprinklers for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
- Use drip irrigation for shrubs and trees to apply water directly to the roots where it is needed.
- Report broken pipes, open hydrants, and errant sprinklers to the property owner or your water provider.
- Irrigation audits consist of site inspection, performance test, and schedule check. Each activity in itself can result in significant water and cost savings by ensuring heads are working properly, limiting overspray, and watering occurs during optimal times of day.



## Tips for Conserving Water Indoors

- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when it is full, it could save you 1,000 gallons per month.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Upgrade older toilets to water efficient models.
- Don't use your toilet as a waste basket.
- Install water-saving aerators on all faucets.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth to save 25 gallons per month.
- When giving pets fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain; use it for your plants.

# WHAT DOES WATER COST?

Usage in Gallons	Cost	Usage in Gallons	Cost
5,000	\$43.35	25,000	\$139.70
10,000	\$62.10	50,000	\$274.70
15,000	\$85.70	75,000	\$426.70
20,000	\$112.70		

Although the recent drought has ended and the lakes that provide water to the residents of Flower Mound are currently full, the Town encourages residents to continue water conservation practices. Citizens need to make an active effort to practice responsible water use in order to protect this precious natural resource. In accordance with measures mandated by the Town's two water providers, Flower Mound will continue to enact the following water conservation measures:

## 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 multiple address property will be identified by the lowest address number.
- Watering landscaped areas is permitted anytime if it is done by a hand-held hose, faucet-filled bucket, or drip irrigation.



### NOTE:

Flower Mound remains committed to the health and safety of all residents by maintaining and preserving adequate water supplies for fire protection, residential use, and businesses use.

For additional voluntary water conservation measures and tips and information about the Town's water conservation program, please visit <http://www.flowermound.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/181>, or contact Public Works at 972.874.6400.

