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## **WATER SAVING TIPS – OUTSIDE**

*There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you.*

- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Avoid planting turf in areas that are hard to water such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Plant during the spring or fall when the watering requirements are lower.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
- Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.
- Divide your lawn watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
- Water your lawn only when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.

***Do one thing each day that will save water.  
Even if savings are small, every drop counts.***

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