



# City of Kelso

Water Conservation Tips

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## Using Water Wisely-Tips for Conservation

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

- For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way every drop goes down you and not the drain
- Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save water every time.
- Use water-efficient shower head. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run you clothes washer and dishwasher only when full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month
- Shorten your shower by a minute and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
- Share water conservation tips with friends and neighbors.



Use sprinklers for large areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.

*The City of Kelso thanks you for your efforts in Conserving water.*

*When you save water, you save money on your utility bills too. Saving water is easy for every one to do.*

## OUTDOOR WATER USE

- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rain-fall is more plentiful.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the sidewalk or street.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- Next time you add or replace a flower of shrub, choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color and save up to 550 gallons each year.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while under watering others.
- Wash you car on the lawn, and you'll water your lawn at the same time.