



Conserving Water

Solutions for Your Landscape

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Conserving Water in the Landscape

Water conservation is especially on people's minds during dry periods, but it's important all the time.

One place to conserve water is in the home landscape. Always follow water restrictions in your area. Irrigate in the early morning hours and apply no more than three-quarters of an inch of water.

Run your irrigation system only when your plants need water instead of on a set schedule. Grass and many plants will let you know when it's time to water by wilting.

Make sure your irrigation system is working properly and isn't leaking. Consider installing a low-water-use system, such as microspray or drip irrigation. Calibrate your system to ensure you apply the right amount of water at each time.

Handwater thirsty plants and those in containers, and consider using a rain barrel to provide this water.

Select plants suited to your area, and add mulch to plantings to hold moisture in the soil.

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