

Water Saving Tips

Look inside for tips, tools, and rebates from your water utility.



Photo: Cedar River Watershed, one of our region's drinking water sources.

The **Saving Water Partnership** is an organization comprised of 19 water utilities in King and Snohomish counties that share a common water source. When we work together to use water wisely, it adds up to make a big difference.

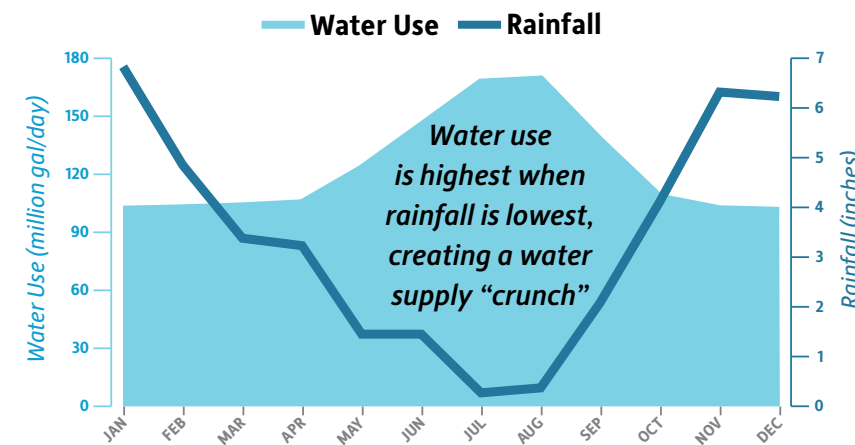


Water is a precious, shared resource

Future generations are counting on us to preserve water resources.

Even though our region is known for rain, each year we have a 'summer crunch' when water use is high and rainfall is low.

Each gallon we save stays in our rivers and lakes to sustain salmon and wildlife. Even seemingly small daily actions can add up to make a big impact.



Graph shows local data based on a 5-year average (2017–2021)

Use less, save more

Using water wisely can also help you get the lowest water bill possible. In many cases, saving water will help you manage your sewer and energy bills as well.

Save water with rebates and free services from the Saving Water Partnership

For schools

Water conservation programs for schools in our service area

For your home

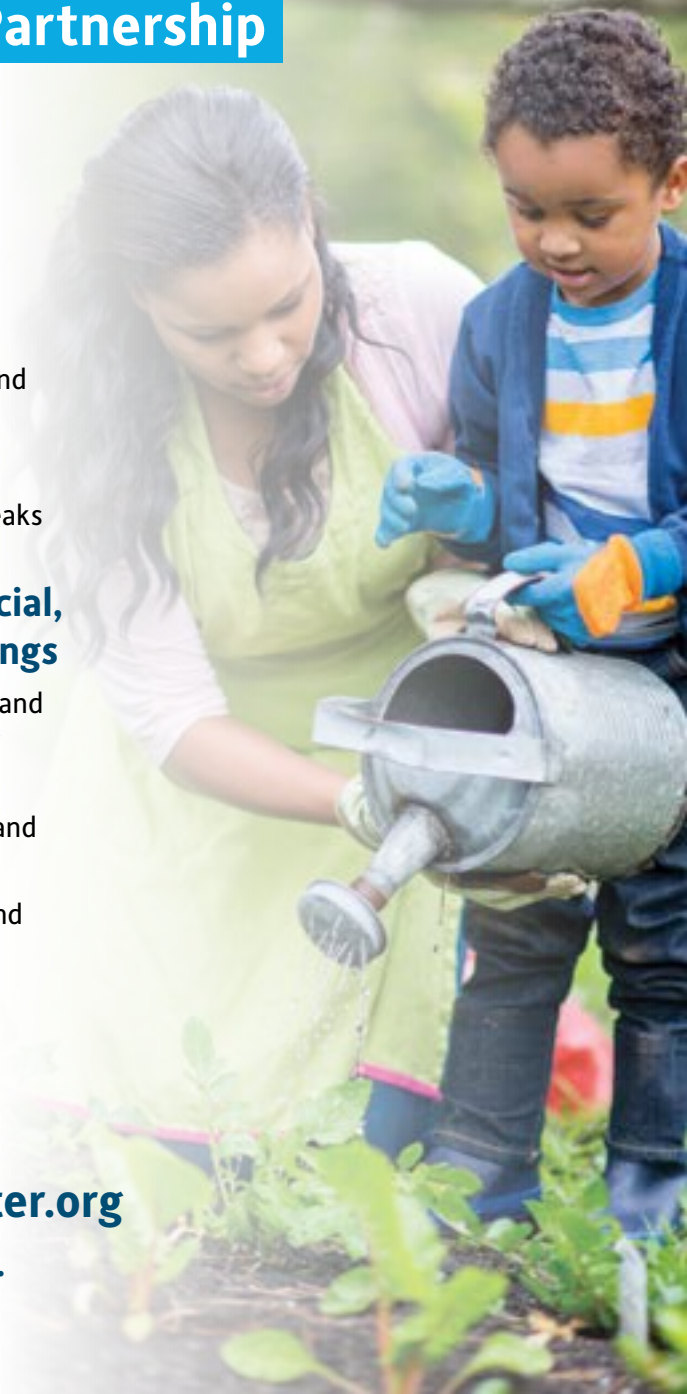
- Rebates to upgrade toilets and sprinkler timers
- Gardening classes
- Information on addressing leaks

For business, commercial, and multifamily buildings

- Rebates to upgrade fixtures and equipment (toilets, sprinkler systems, and more)
- Tools to encourage tenants and employees to report leaks
- Water use assessments to find savings opportunities
- Water conservation kits

More at [savingwater.org](https://www.savingwater.org) or (206) 684-7283.

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Tips for a water-wise home

Everyday actions save water.

- **If you have a dishwasher, use it!** Washing by hand typically uses more water.
- **Shorten your shower.** Save 2 gallons for every minute you shave off your shower.
- **Run full loads.** Wait to run your washing machine or dishwasher until it's full.
- **Use a broom.** Sweep to clean patios and sidewalks instead of using a hose or power washer.
- **Look at every water bill.** Knowing how much you use will help you spot leaks quickly.

Healthy plants need less water.

- **Build better soil with compost and mulch.** Add compost in the spring or fall and cover bare soil with 3 inches of mulch.
- **Right plant, right place.** Choose plants that are well suited to the Pacific Northwest climate and need less water.
- **Let the top few inches of soil dry before watering again.** Doing so prevents disease and is good for soil life.



Upgrade fixtures and appliances to save water.

- Replace toilets more than 20 years old.
- If you are thinking about replacing a showerhead or kitchen faucet—do it!
- Replace dishwashers and washing machines older than 15 years.
- **Find the most efficient appliance options.** WaterSense and EnergyStar will point you to models that save water and perform well.



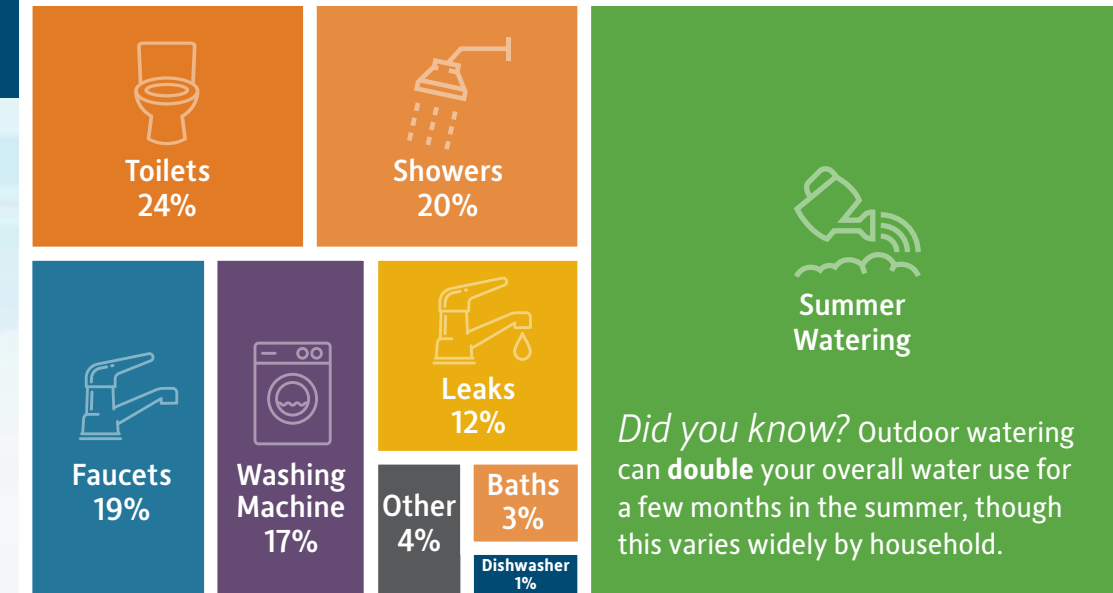
Save in the summer with smart watering.

- **Water outdoors in the morning or evening to minimize evaporation.**
- Let your lawn go golden and dormant — **water once a month**, and it'll bounce back in the fall.
- **Plant perennials in the fall** and let nature water your plants all winter long.



Visit savingwater.org to learn more.

How most homes use water in summer



Get leaks and running toilets fixed right away

- **Running toilets are the top source of leaks.** If your toilet makes noise between flushes or if you have to jiggle the handle, you have a leak.
- **Dripping faucets and showerheads add up.** Just one drop every 2 seconds wastes more than 1,000 gallons per year.
- **Find hidden leaks using your water meter.** Visit savingwater.org for a step-by-step video.

 A running toilet can use as much water as taking 15 showers a day!

