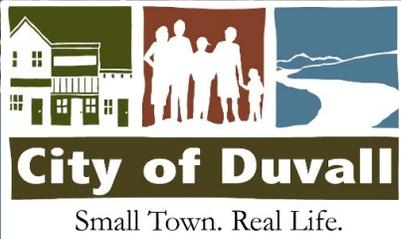


Water Conservation UPDATE - make it last!

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Seattle Public Utility and others activate their Water Shortage Response Plans.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has activated their [Water Shortage Response Plans](#) in coordination with Tacoma and Everett as the [region](#) is experiencing above average temperatures and below average rainfall. The City of Duvall buys water wholesale from SPU and is complying with and participating in the same activation. This is an advisory stage and is intended to inform in hopes that everyone will pitch in when it comes to water conservation to make our water last.

CURRENT WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

After the hottest June in recorded history and continued warm and dry weather in July, higher-than-usual water consumption, record-low stream flows into storage reservoirs and the onset of El Niño conditions, our water supply [outlook](#) is fair.

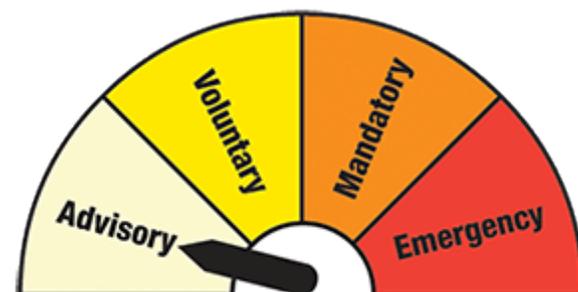
Please visit <http://savingwater.org> for details on how you can help conserve water. It's important for us and the Environment. River levels are at all time lows and with record salmon return runs expected every drop in the river will count!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Check for leaks everywhere in your home and outside.
- Water lawns in the morning or evening to reduce water loss from evaporation.
- Wash only full loads in dishwashers and clothes washing machines.
- Allow some areas of landscaping to go "brown" for the summer.
- Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water or wash your car over your lawn (if possible).
- Install low-flow showerheads, faucets and toilets.
- Turn off the water while brushing teeth, washing face, and shaving.
- Compost food waste instead of using the garbage disposal.

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING

- Limiting water use in parks and planting beds.
- Checking for and fixing leaks.
- Sharing information on our website and at City buildings.
- Free efficient showerheads are available at City Hall (while supplies last) and also through PSE (see website listed under more resources).



TIPS FOR WATERING YOUR LANDSCAPE WISELY

Water deeply, but infrequently: This helps plants grow stronger roots so plants are more resilient to stress and drier conditions. (Annuals may need more frequent watering.)

Mow High: Set the blade height on your lawn mower to about 2 inches. This helps keep the soil surface from drying out and reduces the need to water.

MORE RESOURCES

- www.savingwater.org
- www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/ws/wtrcnsv.html
- <https://pse.com/savingsandenergycenter/Rebates/Pages/Showerheads.aspx>