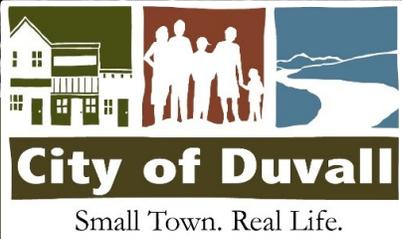


Water Conservation UPDATE

- make it last!

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Statewide Drought Emergency Declared

Governor Jay Inslee declared a statewide drought on May 15, 2015. Snowpack is at historic lows, rivers are dwindling and irrigation districts are cutting off water to farmers.

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.

We are now making operational changes to maximize water supply. We ask our customers to continue to use water wisely.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 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.
- Check sprinkler systems, position, and timing devices.
- Plant native and/or drought tolerant ground covers and shrubs.
- Turn off hose between rinses when washing cars.
- Even better consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Install low-flow showerheads, faucets and toilets.
- Turn off the water while brushing teeth, washing face, and shaving.
- Check for leaks everywhere in your home and outside.
- Compost food waste instead of using the garbage disposal.

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING

- Limiting water use in parks, planting beds and roadside bio-swales
- Free leak test kits are available at City Hall (while supplies last).
- 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>