

Some water saving tips

Water-wise garden design

- **Plant indigenous grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees.** Once established, indigenous plants need water less frequently and can better survive dry periods.
- **Group plants** with similar water needs together.
- **Install irrigation devices that are most water efficient** for each use, such as drip irrigation and soaker hoses.
- **Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil.** Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.
- **Avoid installing fountains,** unless the water is recycled

Watering tips

- **Water plants and lawns during early morning hours** when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest. **DO NOT OVER-WATER!**
- **Don't leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.**
- Use an automatic hose timer or a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.
- **Don't water the street, driveway or sidewalk.** Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn and shrubs... not the paved areas.
- **Make sure your hose connectors have washers.** Plastic or rubber washers prevent leaks.
- **Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose** which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed.
- **Turn off the hose at the faucet** instead of at the nozzle, to avoid leaks.
- **Avoid fertilizing your lawn.** Fertilizer applications increase the need for water.