

# WATER CONSERVATION CHECKLIST

*by season*

## WINTER

- Learn to read my [water bill](#) and see how much I use each month
- Replace older toilets with [WaterSense-labeled toilets](#)
- Find & fix leaks in my home during Fix a Leak Week

## SPRING

- Pull weeds starting in March to reduce water consumption from unwanted plants
- Fix any broken & sunken sprinkler heads
- Select a [WaterSense-labeled smart irrigation controller](#)
- Direct sprinkler water onto landscape; not pavement
- Wait to water! Check the Division of Water Resources [lawn-watering guide](#)
- Plant new waterwise plants (no annuals)
- Install drip irrigation for flowerbeds, trees, shrubs & gardens on their own zone(s)
- Improve irrigation efficiency by ensuring each zone has the same irrigation method

## SUMMER

- Add 3-4" of mulch to flowerbeds & bushes for improved irrigation efficiency & soil moisture retention
- Visit my water utility's website to learn about watering restrictions
- Only water when it's dark
- Adjust lawn mower height to at least 3-4" to increase soil retention
- Adjust irrigation controller to match the [lawn watering guide](#)
- Develop drought-resistant lawn by watering less often & watering 6 inches deep or applying 1/2 inch of water

## FALL

- Prepare for cooler weather by adjusting irrigation
- Start planning [waterwise landscaping](#)
- Hydrozone by grouping plants by water needs
- Check to see if I qualify for [lawn-removal rebates](#) & consider removing lawn I don't use

