

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
- ☐ **Check to see if I qualify for lawn-removal rebates** & consider removing lawn I don't use

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
- ☐ **Check to see if I qualify for lawn-removal rebates** & consider removing lawn I don't use

FALL

- ☐ Prepare for cooler weather by adjusting irrigation
- ☐ Start planning **waterwise landscaping**
- ☐ Hydrozone by grouping plants by water needs
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