



# SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER

Changing a few habits can lead to savings!



## IN THE BATHROOM

- Keep showers to 10 minutes or less.
- Turn the water off while brushing teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
- Flush only when you "go". Do not flush wipes, tissue, or other trash.

## IN THE KITCHEN

- When full, run the dishwasher-- scrape dishes in the trash and skip pre-rinsing.
- Use a stopper and fill sinks for washing and rinsing.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator for a cool drink rather than running the tap.



## CLEANING

- Wash full loads or utilize the washer's smart sensor to minimize water usage.
- Use a bucket of water to rinse sponges and cleaning cloths instead of a running tap.
- Use a broom to clean out garages and sidewalks.



## WATER LEAKS

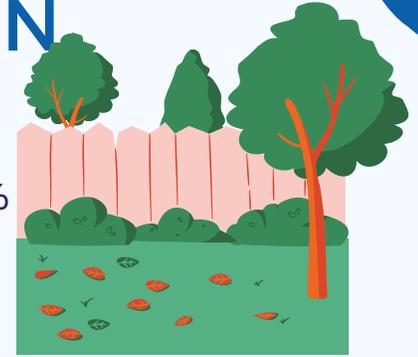
- Repair or replace leaking or dripping faucets.
- Repair leaking toilets. How to tell if you have a leak:
  - If an unused toilet makes a running noise.
  - If water is tricking down the inside of an unflushed bowl.
  - Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait 15-20 minutes; if color appears in the toilet bowl-- you may have a leak.





# WATER WISELY LAWN AND GARDEN

The summer months can lead to unexpectedly high water bills as lawn watering can account for almost 50% of your water usage. Cutting back and being water-wise doesn't mean you have to have a brown lawn.



## SMALL CHANGES, NOT SO SMALL CHANGE

- Water your lawn or garden during the cool morning hours.
- Don't water with sprinklers in windy conditions. If water is needed, use a soaker hose.
- Set sprinklers to water lawns and gardens only-- don't water sidewalks or driveways.
- Raise your mower blade to 3"; taller grass needs less water.
- Mow more often. Removing too much of the grass blade at once can shock the grass.
- Leave the grass clippings on your lawn. Clippings break down quickly and return beneficial nutrients to the soil.
- Don't over-fertilize-- feed your lawn only two times per year.
- Cut watering times. Watering 20 minutes three times per week can be enough to maintain a healthy lawn.
- Use mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and reduce water stealing weeds.
- Water trees and shrubs with a soaker hose or bucket.
- Plant low water plants that are right for the Casper Area (Zone 3-5a)



## MAKE SAVING PART OF YOUR PLAN

New home? Want to change your current yard?  
Plan a water-wise lawn and garden.

- Install smart watering devices that utilize real-time weather, plant, and soil data.
- Select low-water-use and drought-tolerant turfgrasses such as turf-type tall fescue.
- Decrease lawn size. Inter mix xeriscape areas, hardscapes (patios, rock areas), and turf areas. Group plants by water usage.
- Plant flower beds near downspouts to take advantage of water runoff.
- Improve the soil with compost or other organic material before planting or sodding. Better soils retain water and allow for a broader root system.

