



# Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

## NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*Outdoor water can account for up to half of a household's water use. The following outdoor water conservation tips can help lower your water use and your water bill.*

### SMART IRRIGATION SCHEDULING



#### Optimal Watering Times

Set irrigation watering times to when heat and evaporation are lowest (**between 4 and 10 am**). This allows the water to saturate the root zone.



#### Weekly Schedules

Check your irrigation schedule and set it to run **two to three times a week** for **45 to 90 minutes**, depending on the size of the irrigation zones.



#### Rain Sensors

Check the irrigation system's rain sensor shut-off device **at least twice a year**. This helps conserve water and protects against over-watering.



#### Spigot Management

Shut off water at the spigot when finished watering. Hose attachments often leak when left pressurized but not in use.

### FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING & LAWN CARE



#### Native Plants

Plant Florida-Friendly Landscaping to reduce irrigation needs. Native plants are drought-tolerant and thrive in Florida's unique seasons.



#### Mowing Height

Mow grass at **3 to 4 inches** (or as high as recommended for the specific grass species) to allow deeper, drought-resistant root growth.

Smart outdoor choices keep our springs flowing and our landscapes thriving.