



Northwest Florida Water Management District Water Conservation Cost-share Grants

The District received **\$250,000** in alternative water supply funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to provide small-scale grants Districtwide to implement water conservation projects that result in quantifiable water savings. Water conservation provides environmental and economic benefits by lowering utility bills, enhancing the sustainability of water supplies, lowering the strain on water infrastructure and wastewater systems, and reducing fertilizer runoff.

Who should apply? Local governments and public or nonprofit water supply utilities.

What are the requirements? The water source being conserved through the project must be groundwater or surface water. Projects with quantifiable water savings will be given priority. However, public outreach, Florida-Friendly landscape exhibits, and conservation education programs will also be considered.

Funding per project: Up to \$50,000 cost-share, with 50% local match requirement

- Match requirement may be waived for Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) communities

Geographic Priority Areas:

- **Water Resource Caution Areas** (coastal Santa, Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties, and Upper Telogia Creek basin in Gadsden County) & **Areas of Resource Concern** (southern Bay and north-central Gadsden counties)
- Within a **Regional Water Supply Plan** area (Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties)
- **REDI** communities

Examples of Eligible Conservation Measures

Indoor Water Use

- **Residential Fixture Upgrades:** Ultra Low Flow Toilets (ULFT), Low Flow Showerheads, Low Flow Faucets, and High Efficiency (HE) Clothes Washers or Dishwashers
- **Commercial Fixture Upgrades:** Ultra Low Flow Toilets (ULFT), High Efficiency Toilets (HET), Half-gallon Urinals, Food Service HE Equipment, Hotel Laundry Efficiency Upgrades

Outdoor Water Use

- **Irrigation Programs:** Irrigation System Upgrades (HE Spray Nozzles and System Controllers), Irrigation Audits, Florida Water Star
- **Leak Detection:** Water Loss Audit and Contracted Leak Detection

Application materials can be found on the District website:

<https://nwfwater.com/Water-Resources/Funding-Programs/>

Applications Due: 2 pm ET Thursday, September 17, 2026