**Tips for conserving water**

**Indoor Conservation Tips**

* Check for water leaks and promptly fix any leaks.
* Do not use the toilet for a trashcan.
* Turn water off when shaving and brushing your teeth.
* Run the dishwasher only when full.
* Adjust your clothes washing machine water level to the appropriate load size.

**Outdoor Conservation Tips**

* Water the lawn only when it needs water. Observe the grass if it looks a dull grey/green color and footprints remain when you walk across it, then it is time to water.
* Measure your sprinkler output by placing three or more cans in various locations throughout the sprinkler pattern. Turn on your water for fifteen minutes. The average depth is water in the cans will tell you how much water the sprinkler has applied. Adjust you sprinkler run time so you do not overwater.
* Shut off automatic systems after a rain.
* Water the lawn during the cool part of the day. The best time to water is early morning and late evening. As much as 70% of the water is lost to evaporation when watering during the middle of the afternoon on a hot day
* Most types of grass need only 1 to 1-1/2 inches of water per week during the hottest part of the summer and less than 1 inch in the spring and fall
* Adjust sprinklers so they water only the grass
* Do not water on windy days
* Use a broom to clean your driveway rather than washing the driveway
* When considering landscaping use plants that are suited for our dry climate.

Conserving water use saves you money by reducing the consumption on your water bill and protects our most precious natural resource.