

OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

TIPS FOR NEVADANS



1. Design

Plant climate-appropriate species grouped by water requirements. Minimize your lawn size.



2. Lawns

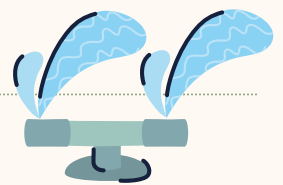
Raise your lawnmower blade to 3" for northern NV cool season grass and 1.5" for southern NV warm season grass. Taller grass promotes deeper roots and holds soil moisture better. Consider giving your sprinklers a break-cut back on watering and the green will return when moisture returns.

3. Drip

Install drip irrigation for shrubs and trees. Drip systems use 20-50% less water than conventional in-ground sprinkler systems. Little water is lost to wind, runoff, and evaporation.

4. Mulch

Apply mulch around trees and other plants to help reduce evaporation and control weeds.



5. Sprinklers

Water during the cool hours of the day to reduce evaporation. Do not water on windy days. Look for sprinklers that produce droplets rather than a mist. Inspect sprinkler heads, fix leaks, and adjust the spray so that it only hits the lawn and doesn't run off. Adjust your irrigation systems seasonally. "Cycle and Soak" your lawn by running three short cycles an hour apart for better absorption.



6. Controllers

Utilize weather-based or soil moisture-based irrigation controllers. Look for the WaterSense certification label.



7. Local Restrictions

Follow any watering restrictions that your water utility has in place, such as assigned-day watering.

In the driest state in the US, water conservation matters!

If you are looking for professional help, consider a Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper in northern Nevada or a Water Smart Contractor in southern Nevada.

For more info about conserving water, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.