

ARE YOU DROUGHT READY?

Tips For A Water-Wise Landscape

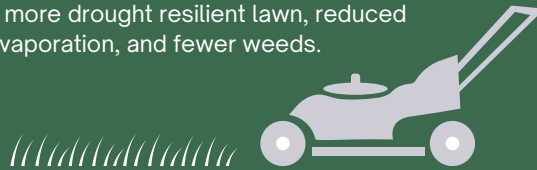
LOOK OUT FOR LEAKS



Check your sprinklers for broken heads or leaking valves that can waste water, and repair leaks right away. Smart meters can help track water usage and identify leaks in your system.

LEAVE IT LONG

Never cut off more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the grass height when mowing your lawn. Longer grass promotes a more drought resilient lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.



RIGHT-SIZE YOUR LAWN

Consider replacing non-functional portions of your lawn with water-efficient landscapes that use less water, attract pollinators and bring color to your yard even during a drought.



WATER TWICE A WEEK

Grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer. Watering less frequently helps grass roots grow deeper and requires less water. Break watering times into 3 shorter cycles spaced 45-60 minutes apart for maximum absorption.



WATER FROM DUSK TO DAWN

Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation. Within city limits, potable water can be used for outdoor watering between 6 PM and 10 AM.



CHECK FOR REBATES

Visit the City of Steamboat Springs website for information on rebates for water efficient irrigation technologies like smart controllers, rotating nozzles, and smart meters.

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GET A SYSTEM EVALUATION

Schedule an irrigation efficiency evaluation to identify water waste and create an efficient watering schedule for your home. Be sure to have your evaluation completed by a certified WaterSense professional so you can take advantage of rebates.



CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Yampa Valley is currently experiencing extreme to exceptional drought conditions following the warmest and driest winter on record, which produced a record-low snowpack of just over 30% of median snow-water equivalent.

Ensuring a safe and adequate water supply depends on collective action and community members are encouraged to do their part to help stretch our limited water supplies through the spring and summer. Early conservation makes a real difference later in the year.

OUTDOOR IRRIGATION SCHEDULE

Currently, approximately 30% of the community's water supply is applied outdoors to lawns and gardens. In an effort to adapt to a warming climate, Mount Werner Water, Steamboat II Metro District and the City of Steamboat Springs have implemented the following permanent outdoor watering schedule:

- No outdoor watering between 10 AM and 6 PM
- Watering days are based on the last number (even or odd) of a customer's address as follows:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Even	Odd	Even	No Watering	Odd	Even	Odd

*To apply for an irrigation schedule exception permit for new landscaping, visit your water provider's website.

STAGE 2 DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS

Stage 2 Drought Restrictions are currently in effect for the City of Steamboat Springs.

What It Means For You

- Outdoor watering schedule is mandatory year-round
- No vehicle washing at homes
- No washing hard surfaces, such as driveways, parking lots, etc.
- No running outdoor water features
- No use of treated water for dust control



Additional Requests

- Turn off irrigation systems when it is raining
- Limit outdoor watering to no more than two days per week (hand watering is allowed)



Visit our website for more ways to conserve water, learn about rebates, report water waste and more!

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