

# Together We Can Make the Most of Our Water Resources!

## LANDSCAPING WATER TIPS



Landscaping  
(100 gallons/day in spring, summer and fall)

### 1. Don't overwater

Get to know how plants signal for water. Some plants lose their gloss and start to droop a little before wilting.

### 2. Split your watering time

If your soil is dense, split your watering time into two sessions to allow the soil to absorb the water. Where soil is sandy, water may percolate below the root zone. Compensate by watering for half the time, twice as often, so water stays in the root zone.

Lake Arrowhead Community Services District's irrigation rules allow two watering sessions during each irrigation day. You can start your irrigation at midnight and water until 8 a.m. Then, later the same day you can start again at 6 p.m., and water until midnight. Remember, irrigation is only allowed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### 3. Avoid watering on windy days

When you water on windy days much of the water evaporates or blows away.

### 4. Train your plants to develop deep roots

Water thoroughly and less often. Even though watering is permitted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during irrigation season, your plants may not need to be watered that frequently during spring and when the weather is cool. Make sure that plants are deep watered in the spring, so they develop deep roots and need less water in the summer. Deeper roots allow plants to use moisture deep in the ground. Plants will be healthier and stronger. Amend the soil in your garden with material that holds water and helps get water to the roots of your plants.



### 5. Mulch around trees and shrubs

Mulching discourages weeds and slows evaporation when you water your plants.

### 6. Plant trees and shrubs that use less water

The Lake Arrowhead Community Services District has a list of plants that use very little water. Choose them for your garden. Consider eliminating your lawn or reducing its size, and plant low water use ground cover and shrubs instead.

### 7. Turn off your sprinklers when it rains

For residents that can't be home to do this, automatic rain switches are available at hardware stores.

## INDOOR WATER TIPS



Shower  
(40 gallons/10 minutes)

### 1. Take shorter showers

At a minimum of 4 gallons per minute, showers use a lot of water. Limiting your shower to the time it takes to soap up and rinse off can cut your shower time by more than half.

### 2. Install water saving showerheads

Low-flow showerheads cut the amount of water used to 2 gallons per minute while still giving you a refreshing shower. They're easy to install. Get a free 2 gallon per minute shower head at our office.

### 3. Bath (20 gallons)

Take baths. Even a full bath uses less water than the average shower. Baths are relaxing too.



Brushing Teeth  
(2 gallons/day)

### 4. Turn off the water when you brush your teeth.

Before brushing, wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing after.



Toilet  
(3.5 gallons/flush)

### 5. Check your toilet for leaks

A leaking toilet can waste 20 gallons a day. To check for leaks, put a little food coloring in the tank. If, after a few minutes, you can see the color in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak that needs repair. Get free dye tablets at our office.

### 6. Stop using your toilet as a wastebasket

Each flush can use up to 7 gallons of water.

### 7. Install a Low Flow Toilet

A low flow toilet can save a family of four over 14,000 gallons of water per year.



Shaving  
(5 gallons/day)

### 8. Turn off the water while shaving

Put some water in the bottom of the sink to rinse your razor, rather than leaving the water running.



Washing Dishes By Hand  
(20 gallons)

### 9. Don't leave the tap running for rinse water

If you have a double sink, fill the second one with rinse water. If you have a single sink, save the washed dishes in a rack and rinse them all at once with a sprayer or pan of water.



Dishwasher  
(15 gallons/load. 4 loads per week)

### 10. Fill your dishwasher before you run it

When you wait until the load is full, you save water.



Clothes Washer  
(48 gallons/load  
5 loads per week)

### 11. Choose your water level for each load

Adjust your washer for each load. Small loads need less water. If your washer has only one water level, wait for a full load before you do your laundry.



Running The Tap  
(5 gallons/minute)

### 12. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge

Refrigerated water is colder than tap water and on a hot day, it's more refreshing.

### 13. Don't let the tap run when you wash vegetables

Rinse vegetables in a bowl or pan of clean water.

### 14. Install water saving faucet aerators

Water saving faucet aerators can reduce water flow to 1.0 gallons per minute or less while still providing good pressure and flow. Get your free 1 gallon per minute aerator at our office.



Leaks (10-40 gallons/day)

### 15. Stop those drips

A slow drip can waste up to 20 gallons a day.



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## Water Conservation Tips



### Lake Arrowhead's water resources are precious.

Even when Lake Arrowhead is full, water customers must still conserve. The Lake Arrowhead Community Services District is only allowed to take 1,566 acre-feet from Lake Arrowhead under an order from the State Water Resources Control Board. If we need more water, we must get it from other sources or buy it from water wholesalers. Imported water is very expensive and is not a secure supply.



Since 2003, customers and the District have effectively partnered to make Lake Arrowhead's water conservation policies among the most effective in the state. Customers limit their landscapes, use water conserving plants and irrigation systems, and are careful with their indoor water use. The District provides resources for water conservation and monitors customers accounts for leaks.

Together, we can make the most of our water resources.



Follow the District Rules and Tips and you can save more than 2,300 gallons per week

### IRRIGATION—GENERAL RULES:

Irrigation season is May 1st through October 15th. Irrigation systems must be turned off at other times.

During the season, watering is only permitted Monday, Wednesday and Friday before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Broken or out-of-adjustment sprinkler components must be shut off until repaired. Run off is not permitted and leaks must be fixed immediately upon detection. Most of the District's customers have electronic meters that allow the District to monitor the customer's water use and tell when there is a leak. In most cases, the District is able to inform customers of leaks they may not see themselves.

Irrigation is limited to your own property. You are not permitted to water natural areas outside your property.

Review our landscape watering tips. Landscapes may not be watered beyond what is needed for natural growth and to sustain life.

### LANDSCAPING—GENERAL RULES:

The District has rules for new landscaping designed to promote water use efficiency while giving homeowners the ability to create a beautiful wooded landscape of low water use and fire-resistant plants. New landscaping requires that homeowners create two zones on their property, 50% of the property closest to the home may be improved with plants on the District's drought tolerant and fire safe plant list. No new turf grass is permitted. Areas such as color borders and flowerbeds are limited to 150 square feet. This area may be planted with plants not on the District list, excluding turf grass.

The 50% of the property farthest from the home is the natural zone. This area may be planted with native trees and shrubs from the District's reforestation plant list. Trees must be spaced at least 20 feet apart for fire safety. New plants may be irrigated by hand or by bubbler only until trees and shrubs are established, then watering must be permanently shut off.

If your property already has an area of turf grass, you may refurbish it only if you reduce the total area of the lawn by 50%. This will require pre-approval from the District. Call the District at (909) 336-7100 to schedule an appointment to have the area measured.

You cannot install or fill water features, ponds or fountains unless the feature is equipped with a recirculation system.

### OTHER GENERAL WATER CONSERVATION RULES:



#### Car Washing

The District's Permanent Water Conservation Policies prohibit washing your car unless you use a hose with an automatic shut off nozzle. Get a free shut off nozzle at our office.



#### Driveway, Deck and Patio Cleaning

Use a broom to clean hard surfaces including patios, decks, and driveways. No washing down of hard outdoor surfaces is permitted.

### ENFORCEMENT

LACSD is committed to eliminating water waste. It is our hope that customers will join us, voluntarily and actively, to do their part to use our water supply efficiently. Violations may lead to the eventual restriction or termination of water service.



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Visit the District's website or contact the office for up-to-date restrictions.