



6 TIPS TO SAVE WATER — EVEN WHEN IT'S RAINY

Even with all the rain, summer in Colorado is heating up! Did you know — more than half of residential water use goes towards outdoor use in the summertime? While we're not in dangerous drought conditions yet this year, we still must all work together to conserve water today for a strong water future for generations to come. This summer, you can save water easily by making small changes that make a big difference! You not only save water, but you save on your water bill as well. And we promise, your yard will look just as beautiful!

- 1. Sign up for a FREE sprinkler consultation** — Automatic sprinkler systems are convenient but not always the most efficient. Rather than just turning on your system and letting it run, have an expert come do a thorough evaluation. They help you learn how to improve the efficiency of your system and check for any leaks that could be wasting water. LTWD customers can receive a free evaluation through our Slow the Flow program. Learn more here: www.littlethompsonwd.colorado.gov/conservation-programs
- 2. Adjust your lawn mower height** — Did you know you can adjust the height of your lawn mower to cut your grass shorter or leave it longer? We recommend taller grass because it shades roots and holds moisture better so you don't have to water as often.
- 3. Create dry space** — Non-turf spaces like walkways, patios, driveways, rocks, etc. don't need watering. The next time your sprinkler system turns on, pay attention to where the spray lands. If you're watering concrete instead of grass, it's time to adjust your sprinkler heads.
- 4. Water on the right days, with the right amount** — Lawns need lots of water, right? Actually, they don't. Most people are surprised to learn that more water (and especially all this rain in Colorado lately) doesn't always mean a healthier, greener lawn. Too much water can suffocate your grass and stunt root growth. We have carefully developed a water contingency plan to ensure our customers conserve water even during seasons of more rainfall. Familiarize yourself with the plan and water accordingly — your lawn will thank you for it! Read more below.
- 5. Use an arbor bag for your trees** — Watering trees with a hose doesn't give them the maximum water benefit as the water runs off into other areas. Arbor bags are easy to use and prevent both over-watering and under-watering. Find out how to get free arbor bags below.
- 6. Switch to drought-resistant landscaping** — Certain trees, plants, flowers, and shrubs need less water and are better suited for our climate. Switching can drastically reduce your watering levels. We even offer rebates for switching to water-saving plants and trees. Find details about the rebates here: www.littlethompsonwd.colorado.gov/conservation-programs

Whether you implement all of these water-saving tips or just a few, you're bound to see water and monthly bill savings. Plus, saving water is good for our community today and for generations to come!



SIGN-UP FOR EYEONWATER AND SAVE \$10 ON YOUR NEXT BILL

Water conservation doesn't have to be hard!

As we move into summer, water usage and thus, water bills, go up. The best way to save water and your wallet is to use the EyeOnWater app! Benefits of using the app include:

- Information about water consumption on an hourly, daily, monthly, and annual basis
- Receive leak detection alerts sent via SMS text message
- Insights into how to change your habits to save water and money

Plus, if you **sign up before the end of August, you get a \$10 credit** on your next bill! Learn more about the app and sign up on our website.



FREE ARBOR BAGS FOR CUSTOMERS

WATER AND SAVE!



Speaking of saving water, we have a special water-saving giveaway for District customers!

Watering trees is a sneaky one that can drastically increase your water usage. People often put a hose near the tree, leaving it for a long time. This overwaters the tree and wastes water through runoff. An arbor bag is a water-wise alternative!

This month, come into the Little Thompson Water District office and pick up an arbor bag for your trees. These big green bags hold 10 gallons of water and provide your trees with a continuous flow of water, saving the runoff and wasted water that comes with using a hose. Customers can get a total of four bags, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. See you soon!



WHY DO WE HAVE A WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY ACTION PLAN?

2023 SUMMER ACTION LEVEL: WATCH

LTWD has done everything in our power to secure adequate water supplies. In fact, our water supply is as diverse as it has ever been. However, in the event of an emergency, natural disaster, or extreme weather event, we must be prepared.

Our Action Level Plan gives you a quick insight into our water levels. The various color levels clearly define what we must do as a community to protect our water sources.

For the summer, we have set the action level to **WATCH**. This level outlines the following water restrictions:

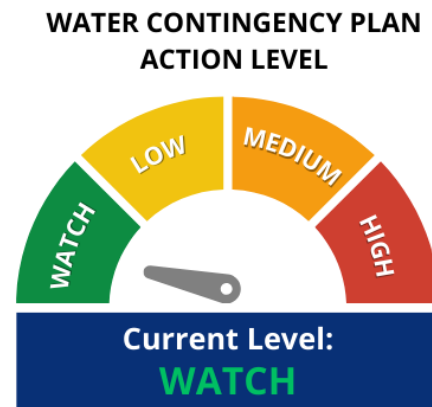
- Watering **ONLY** before 10 AM or after 6 PM
- If your house number ends in an **EVEN** number, water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays
- If your house number ends in an **ODD** number, water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays
- Hand-watering gardens, trees, or bushes is limited to shut-off nozzles, deep root needles, or arbor bags
- For healthy lawns and landscaping, we recommend using the 1-2-3-2-1 watering technique to ensure you're watering the right number of days for the right amount of time on your specified watering days. Learn more by scanning the QR code.
- **Please note: Irresponsible watering can result in fines for not adhering to the designated schedule**

By following these guidelines, we can all ensure that there is ample water for all, no matter the climate. See all green WATCH level requirements including information about fines on our website. Scan the QR code to learn more.



HOW DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM LITTLE THOMPSON?

To provide the information you **NEED** and want in the most efficient and useful way, we're asking for your help! Please take this quick survey to help guide our communication efforts so we know the best methods and places to communicate with you. The survey is anonymous and will take less than 5 minutes. Scan the QR code to take the survey.



CONSERVE WATER WITH HOLLY SUESS

Meet our Water Conservation Specialist and Customer Service Supervisor, Holly Suess. Holly works with the Water Resource team to promote water conservation among customers by reaching out to HOAs, holding educational events, and helping to promote water conservation in our region. She also oversees a variety of customer service aspects. She's been with the District for 15 years and we're incredibly grateful for all that she does for our organization and our customers.

Holly wears many hats in our office and no two days are ever the same for her. She loves providing excellent customer service and enjoys seeing long-time customers when they come into the office. She enjoys educating customers about water conservation and developing plans that make a big difference for all of us.

Holly has lived in Colorado her whole life and has experienced the world of water through irrigation on her family ranch, fishing, recreation, development and more. Holly's top water-saving tip is: "Water consumption should be primarily for inside use. When irrigating landscaping, avoid over-watering," she says. Holly recommends the following watering practice:

- Late spring: water 1 day/week,
- Early summer: water 2 days/week
- Mid-summer: water 3 days/week
- Fall: water 1-2 days per week

When Holly isn't working, she loves to spend time with her husband, kids, and grandkids at their family cabin in the mountains. They like to fish, hunt, hike, four-wheel, and otherwise, just be outside.

