



Summertime Efficiency is Key for Year-Round Reliability

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (August 1, 2010) - Our customers typically use the most water during the warm months of summer. But are you using more than you need? Up to 70 percent of your water use this summer will occur outdoors, so that is a great place to start. Lawns are a home's biggest water guzzler, but did you know that it only needs 10 minutes of watering a few days per week to stay healthy and green – even during the warm summer months? In fact, three deep soaks each week actually promotes healthier root growth than watering every day for a shorter period of time. If you are watering your lawn more than that, or if you see excess water running onto the sidewalk, that is an indication that you are likely using too much water.

Your garden is also a great place to become more water efficient. Plants need differing amounts of water based on variety and soil conditions. Shrubs need more water than flowers, and native plants typically require very little irrigation at all. To make sure you are giving your garden the right amount of water, visit www.MNWD.com for a detailed listing of plant watering needs.

Our website also has information on the latest rebates available for water-efficient fixtures and appliances. You can save hundreds of dollars off the purchase of weather-based irrigation controllers, rotating sprinkler nozzles and high-efficiency clothes washers. Installing water-efficient devices helps you save money because you will be using less water.

MNWD Can Help You Save

There are lots of ways to save water, and we are here to help. Please call the District at (949) 831-2500 to set up an appointment for a conservation specialist to visit your home. We can review your outdoor watering practices, discuss your indoor use and make recommendations on easy ways to save money by becoming more efficient. Together, we can see that there is enough water to meet everyone's needs.

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