

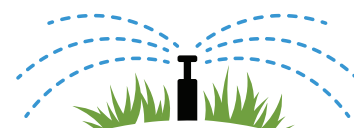


# Home Outdoor Water Tips

Of the estimated 29 billion gallons of water used daily by households in the US, nearly 9 billion gallons, or 30 percent, is devoted to outdoor water use. In the hot summer months, or in dry climates, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 70 percent.

## In the yard — be beautiful and efficient:

- Create a water-smart landscape that is both beautiful and efficient to give your home the curb appeal you desire.
- Timing is everything! Knowing when and how much to water allows you to keep a healthy landscape.
- Upgrade to a WaterSense labeled controller if you have an in-ground irrigation system.
- Find a certified irrigation professional to install, maintain, or audit your irrigation system to ensure it is watering at peak efficiency.



## Other outdoor uses — drop that hose and keep it covered:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks, and steps rather than hosing off.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- If you have a pool, use a cover to reduce evaporation when the pool is not being used.



## Drop it when it's hot:

- Take action during the hot summer months when water use increases to curb water waste. If a drought is declared in your area, go the extra mile to save water.

