

Other resources

Explore other ways to save water by visiting these Web resources:

❖ **Florida Water StarSM**

www.floridawaterstar.com

Florida Water StarSM is a statewide water conservation certification program for new and existing homes and commercial developments that provides guidelines for water efficiency in appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes.

❖ **Waterwise searchable plant database**

www.sjrwmd.com/waterwiselandscapes

Find details for more than 800 plants and their needs for water, sun and soil conditions, a landscape example, tips for efficient planting, and other landscape resources.



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A quick guide to Saving Water

We all have a stake in conserving Florida's water resources. Water is the one vital resource we all need, and each of us can contribute to saving water. Explore the following tips and resources to learn how.



Saving water

indoors outdoors

Many water-efficient products are available to help us save water indoors. Some of the ways to save indoors include:

- ❖ Find and fix leaks.
- ❖ Install or upgrade plumbing fixtures to more efficient models, such as high-efficiency toilets, showerheads and faucets. Look for the WaterSense® logo on fixtures.
- ❖ Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth, washing your face and shaving.
- ❖ Fill bathtubs only one-third full.
- ❖ Buy Energy Star® models when replacing washers or dishwashers.
- ❖ Run dishwashers only when full.
- ❖ Set clothes washers for the appropriate load size.
- ❖ Thaw frozen items in the refrigerator instead of under running water.
- ❖ Avoid letting the rinse water run when washing dishes by hand.

Watering wisely outside our homes and businesses promotes healthier lawns and landscapes, and conserves water resources.

- ❖ Follow the watering restrictions, Learn more at www.sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions.
- ❖ Water only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. year-round.
- ❖ Water your lawn only when it needs it, when it shows signs of stress.
- ❖ Water only the lawn and landscape, not sidewalks or roadways.
- ❖ Choose plants appropriate to the landscape's natural soil, sunlight and moisture conditions.
- ❖ Set automatic irrigation system timers correctly; use the minimum number of minutes needed per zone.
- ❖ Maintain your irrigation system annually, and check for leaks or broken sprinkler heads monthly.
- ❖ Functioning rain sensors are required by law; check to see if yours is functioning.

