



April is Water Awareness Month!

It's as easy as
1, 2, 3...

Everyone should become aware of their water use habits and determine where they can reasonably cut back. Wise water use has the added benefit of saving money.

A majority of Arizona's water is used outdoors; please *act now* and *implement* these tips to enhance your water-efficient lifestyle:

Choose low-water-use plants.

Water landscapes only when necessary and do so in the early morning to minimize evaporation.

Group plants by their water needs into separate irrigation zones.

Design grades for water retention and collect rain-water for irrigation.

Install and maintain a water-efficient drip-irrigation system.

www.azwater.gov/conservation

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Water Awareness Month is a great time to focus on ways we can be better water stewards.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources asks you to do your part in educating, celebrating and taking action to save water.

What can you do to help? Implement *three* of these suggestions during April and show your commitment to living water wise!

Share Information

Share your water-wise knowledge with other residents, businesses, communities, planners, educators, landscape professionals and the agriculture sector.

Link to www.azwater.gov/conservation for more information and help spread the word.

Webinars

View and participate in online presentations about conservation and water efficiency.

For schedule, instructions, topics and to learn more: www.azwater.gov/dwr/Conservation/WaterAwarenessMonth.html

Water-Energy Nexus

Implement an energy-efficient change.

Water is often used to create energy and energy is used to extract, deliver and treat water.

Make the connection!

For ideas: www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement

RinseSmart Valves

Encourage local restaurants and cafeterias to replace high-flow pre-rinse spray valves with water-efficient valves.

ADWR has valves available and may be able to help with installation.

Learn more: www.azwater.gov/dwr/Conservation/CommercialIndustrial.html



Education. Action. Celebration.

Get involved & celebrate our most precious natural resource – water.

Workshops

Attend a FREE Arizona Project WET workshop that includes teacher-tested, water-related, hands-on curriculum.

Learn more or register:

http://cals.arizona.edu/arizonawet/workshops/current_workshops.html

Water Festivals

Volunteer at a Make a Splash with Arizona Project WET Water Festival designed especially for 4th graders.

Learn more and find a festival:

http://cals.arizona.edu/arizonawet/water_festival/waterfestival.html

School Water-use Audits

Work with a teacher to conduct a water-use audit at a local school. The audit will teach students about water efficiency and may result in water savings as schools opt to install water-efficient retrofits.

To learn more or find other information on school-based water activities:

<http://cals.arizona.edu/arizonawet/curriculum>

Water-efficient Devices

Install water-efficient devices, such as faucet aerators, showerheads and spray nozzles.

Many water providers and municipalities provide these to customers for little or no charge. Contact your water company for more information.

Locate a regional water conservation office near you:

www.azwater.gov/DWR/Conservation/Regional%20Offices/

Water Wise Landscapes

Employ the principles of Xeriscape and see beautiful landscapes that require a lot less water. Remember, when it comes to lawns, less is more!

Learn more about Xeriscape and find low-water-use plant lists:

www.azwater.gov/DWR/Conservation/landscapePros/default.html

Lose the Leaks

Check faucets, connectors, spigots and pipes for leaks. Fix leaks immediately.

Many water providers and municipalities provide dye tablets and instructions to customers for detecting leaks at little to no charge. Contact your water company for more information.

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Learn more:

www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak/howto.htm

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