

watering tips

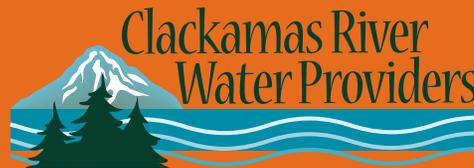


The greatest waste of water is watering too much, too often.

-  Promote deeper root growth: split watering times into two or more applications.
-  Water early in the morning or late at night to avoid excessive evaporation.
-  Make sure sprinklers water living things rather than paved walks and driveways.
-  Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation to apply water directly to plant roots.
-  Install a rain sensor to automatically turn off your irrigation system.
-  Check your irrigation system frequently for broken sprinkler heads, leaks and other problems.

As your water providers, we value the wise and efficient use of water, one of our most precious natural resources.

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use less water this summer



One third of your total water use is summer watering.

A healthy garden doesn't necessarily need a lot of water.



lawn care tips



Overwatering causes 75% of lawn problems.

-  Aerate your lawn to allow water and air to reach the roots.
-  Water 1 inch a week – more when the weather is hot.
-  Mow high to shade roots from the sun and help retain moisture.
-  Mulch your lawn: leave grass clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer.
-  Fertilize organically to protect kids, pets, and the environment.
-  Skip the weed and feed products. Many of these can damage soil as well as pollute our waterways.
-  Replace your lawn with hardscaped areas.



soil care tips



Build healthy soil with compost and soil amendments.

-  Healthy soil holds water like a sponge, slowly releasing nutrients and moisture when plants need it most.
-  Adding amendments to the soil will reduce water and fertilizer needs.
-  Avoid using pesticides and weed killer. They can harm worms and other soil organisms.
-  Spot treat weeds or dig them by hand.
-  Healthy soils reduce runoff which means less pollution and waste in streams and rivers.



garden care tips



Choose the right plant for the right place.

-  Learn your yard's light exposure, soil types and naturally available water.
-  Match plant needs to different areas in your yard to foster better growth.
-  Choose plants adapted to your yard conditions.
-  Group plants with similar needs together.
-  Choose water-efficient and adaptive plants. They need little supplemental water once established.
-  Replace your lawn with low water-use plants.

