

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter

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The mission of the Grizzly Flats Community Services District is to maintain the highest ethical standards for its Board members and employees while providing quality water in a fiscally responsible manner for the community of Grizzly Flats.

Water Conservation Needed During Water Treatment Module Installation Project!

Water Treatment Plant #1 is officially offline and being dismantled for replacement! The District will have reduced capacity to treat water for customer consumption and fire suppression during this project which will likely continue through December, 2025. We urge customers to conserve water where possible so that we can meet demand until both new water treatment units are online.

Simple Ways to Conserve:

- Put off planting gardens, landscapes, lawns or anything else that may require a large amount of water until after the new water treatment modules are installed.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost food waste instead and save gallons of water every time.
- For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap. Then use the water in the pan to water your houseplants!
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
- Use drip irrigation for shrubs and trees to apply water directly to the roots where it's needed.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Avoid recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Make sure there are water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.
- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save water every time.
- Report broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to the property owner or GFCSD.
- Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer or have leftover ice in your cup, don't throw it in the sink....drop them in a house plant or your pet's water bowl instead.
- Look for products bearing the EPA "WaterSense" label for items that been certified to save 20% or more without sacrificing performance. ¹

Another big use of water.....LEAKS!

Leak Detection:

- A good method to check for leaks is check your water usage listed on your bill each month. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its water use exceeds 300 gallons per day.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

Faucets and Showerheads:

- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. A home with WaterSense labeled toilets could use that same amount of water to flush for six months!
- Leaky faucets can be reduced by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the WaterSense label.
- A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's enough water to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher. Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench.

Toilets:

- If your toilet is running constantly, you could be wasting 200 gallons of water or more every day. The cause is most often an old, faulty toilet flapper. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project. Ask your neighborhood hardware store for advice or look online.
- If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for a WaterSense labeled model. If a family of four replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save more than 16,000 gallons per year.

Outdoors:

- An irrigation system should be checked each spring to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing. An irrigation system with pressure set at 60 pounds per square inch that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.
- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench. ²

¹ Conservation tips were taken from: Water Use it Wisely – <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to- conserve/index.php>

² Leak information was taken from: Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense - <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/pubs/fixleak.html>

