

MARCH TIP SAVINGS: \$50-\$400/YR
Avoided Emissions of CO₂: 100- 600 lbs./YR



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THIRSTY FOR SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER?

Resources to help you save water are overflowing!

They've been hard to miss... stories in the news about drought, Colorado River shortages and water restrictions in California. Luckily, thanks to some abundant winter rains and snow in the watersheds, we are in pretty good shape at the moment. But, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't make our best effort to save every drop possible. Saving water is like keeping money in the bank for those rainy.. ahem... non-rainy days! Here are four simple ways to save:

**Win a \$9K
Backyard
Makeover!**

1. CHANGE YOUR WATER USE HABITS

Water – Use It Wisely offers 100+ every-day tips, a calendar of local landscape classes, an online landscape watering guide, fun games and contests for youth and more! Take shorter showers, wash with only full loads in your clothes or dishwasher, and please don't leave the water running!

2. INSTALL WATER SAVING FIXTURES AND/OR APPLIANCES

WaterSense is a product labeling program that helps consumer's select water-efficient choices (similar to the ENERGY STAR program). For best performance and efficiency, look for the label on toilets, showerheads, faucets and more. www.epa.gov/watersense.



3. IDENTIFY AND FIX LEAKS

Find and Fix Leaks that are Draining Your Budget will help you find and repair leaks. The average household loses more than 10,000 gallons of water a year through leaks or malfunctioning toilets, water softeners or pool pumps – gasp! Free copies are available or visit www.smarthomewatguide.org.

4. REDUCE OUTDOOR WATER USE

Up to 70% of Water Use is Outdoors, so managing your landscape water use is one of the easiest ways to save water around your home. Watering properly is an art and a science, and that's why we offer a free booklet, **Landscape Watering by the Numbers**. Xeriscape principles include ways to have a lush beautiful landscape that saves water at the same time. Free landscape publications are available and Mesa also offers a **\$500 Grass-to-Xeriscape rebate!** Finally, how about **FREE WATER??** Help your plants thrive by putting rainwater to use in your landscape. Capture rain from roofs, driveways and sidewalks, and direct it to plants. Visit our rainwater harvesting page at www.wateruseitwisely.com.



LEARN MORE ABOUT SAVING WATER at these March/April water events

- **SRP Water Conservation Expo** is a **FREE** event Sat. Mar. 4. Purchase a smart controller at a greatly reduced price, see Dave the Garden Guy, Mesa and Water – Use It Wisely will be there and more!
- **Fix a Leak Week** is March 20-26 and EPA will help you detect and chase down leaks!
- **Water Awareness Month** is the month of April and there are 30 days of local ideas to help you save.
- **Ntl. Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation** is in April, take the pledge to save water, win prizes.
- **Water – Use It Wisely Drab to Fab Backyard Rehab Contest** is from mid-April to May. Learn tips to Xeriscape your yard with beautiful desert plants, then enter to win a \$9K landscape makeover!

START SAVING

Start saving on water, while doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Call 480-644-3306 or visit www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability for details.

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