

**MAY TIP SAVINGS: \$50-\$400/YR**  
**Avoided Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>: 100- 600 lbs./YR**



## \$ USTAINABILITY \$ AVINGS TIP

**THIRSTY FOR SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER?**

**Resources to help you save water are overflowing!**

They've been hard to miss... stories about drought, water shortages and even a drought State of Emergency with mandatory water restrictions in California. Luckily, through good planning, Arizona is in better shape at the moment. But, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be making 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:

**Check out our  
four simple  
ways to save!**

### 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! Thru May 31<sup>st</sup>, enter Wayne Drop's Arizona Water Adventure contest for \$2,000 in prizes, [www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com).

### 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 WaterSense label on toilets, showerheads, faucets and more. Learn more at [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://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](http://www.smarthomewatguide.org).



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### 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. That's why we offer a free booklet, **Landscape Watering by the Numbers** and you can also sign up for a monthly email reminder to change your timer seasonally. **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 through channels or shallow basins. One inch of rainfall from a 1,000 sq.ft. roof provides 600 gallons of water. Watershed Management Group is a local nonprofit that educates about living sustainably. They also offer 'Laundry to Landscape' workshops! Learn more at [www.watershedmg.org](http://www.watershedmg.org).

**There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you!**

### \$START \$AVING

Start saving on water, while doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Call 480-644-3306 for details on any of the programs or booklets mentioned above or visit [www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability](http://www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability).

*Learn to live Green*

