

As Summer continues and the heat builds, please keep these water conservation tips in mind. (Tips Courtesy of Texas Water Development Board. <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/>)

- 1) Irrigation/sprinkler systems – Check sprinkler heads for proper functioning. Install rain shut-off devices
- 2) Water lawns/pastures early in the morning to prevent evaporation of water. Avoid watering on windy days. Taller grass helps prevent moisture loss.
- 3) Rain Harvesting – Use a rain barrel to collect water from gutters to apply to plants.
- 4) Mulching – Apply adequate amounts around shrubs and trees to help keep the moisture.
- 5) Car Washing – Use a hose nozzle that shuts off while you are washing your vehicle.
- 6) Plants/Grasses – Choose those that water-efficient and/or water efficient.
- 7) Check for leaky plumbing. Consider water-efficient showerheads
- 8) Turn water off while shaving. Fill with about an inch of water or less.
- 9) Use a bucket to collect shower water while waiting for it to get warm/hot
- 10) Run dishwasher only when full
- 11) Rinse vegetables in pan of cool water instead of letting water run.
- 12) Soak pans instead of allowing water to run.
- 13) Wash full loads of clothes. Use smallest water-level setting when possible.
- 14) Get a high efficiency washing machine
- 15) Know where master shut-off valve is in case of a plumbing emergency