



Reduce Your Water Use Checklist

Step One: Check your residence for water leaks

Check for outdoor water leaks:

- Missing or broken drip irrigation emitters
- Broken grass sprinkler heads & risers (A broken sprinkler head can lose up to 12 gallons/minute)
- Signs of overspray onto sidewalks, driveways, walls or buildings; runoff into gutter/street
- Standing water in the landscape valve box (Leaky valve(s) need repair)
- A small hole or depression in the ground may indicate a water leak below the surface
- Backflow preventer/vacuum breaker assembly
- Hose bibs/outdoor faucets
- Pool automatic refill float and valve
- Evaporative cooler
(Check that seasonal maintenance is being performed and recirculation pump is working)

Did you know that up to 70% of your total water use is used outdoors?

Check for indoor water leaks:

- Toilets (Place dye tablets or food coloring in the tank, then check the bowl for coloring)
- Water softeners and reverse osmosis systems (Check for leaks and proper maintenance)
- Faucets (Be sure to look for leaks under sinks, too)
- Refrigerator icemakers

Step Two: Maximize water efficiency at your home with these easy tips

Choose WaterSense certified appliances and fixtures:

www.epa.gov/watersense

Pre-1992 homes could benefit from plumbing updates.

- Install a water efficient showerhead (Uses less than 2 gallons of water/minute)
- Install a high efficiency toilet (Uses 20% less water than the current federal standard)



Learn how to properly water your landscape:

- Take a free landscape class - www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation
- Use the interactive watering guide at www.wateruseitwisely.com/arizona



Get cash for your grass:

- Residents may qualify for a rebate of up to \$750 for permanently removing unwanted grass. For more information call 623-930-3760 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation/landscaperebates
- HOAs and Businesses may qualify for up to \$3,000 for permanently removing unwanted grass. Participation in the free Water Budget program is required. For more information call 623-930-3596 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation/hoaprograms





Information and Resources

Compare your water use to other customers

The average residential water use in Glendale is approximately 120 gallons per person per day. This value is an estimate and can vary based on the following factors:

- Number of people living in or visiting the home.
- Size and type of landscaping and how it is watered.
- Presence of a swimming pool or spa.
- Presence of water-efficient appliances and plumbing fixtures.
- Presence of indoor or outdoor leaks.
- Personal habits.

Calculating water usage per person per day

<u>11,000</u>	÷	<u>3</u>	÷	<u>30</u>	=	<u>122</u>
Gallons used per month		Number of people per household		Days per month		Gallons per person per day

How can the city of Glendale help you reduce your water use ?

Free Consultations

The Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program provides free onsite-consultations to Glendale residents. We look at your landscape from a conservation perspective and provide information and tips on how to maximize water and energy conservation for your specific landscape. Call 623-930-3760 to arrange an appointment.

Free How-to Brochures

The following brochures can be picked up at the Glendale libraries, online at www.glendaleaz.com/conservation, or call 623-930-3535.

- *The Complete Guide to Home Water Management*
- *Landscape Watering By The Numbers*

Free Landscape Classes

The Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program offers free landscape classes for homeowners to assist you in improving water efficiency in your home and landscape. Class information can be found at www.glendaleaz.com/conservation

The water rates for the city of Glendale are developed on a conservation-based tiered rate. This means that the higher users are charged more per 1,000 gallon unit than the average or below average users are charged.

Resources to help you save water are just a click away.

NEW! Take the home water challenge at www.wateruseitwisely.com/arizona and see how your water use measure ups.



NEW! For those do-it-yourself types, the Water-Smart Landscape Guide will provide you with the kind of information needed to plan, install, and care for a xeriscape. www.glendaleaz.watersavingplants.com/

Learn the best practices for conserving pool water at www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation/documents/drainpoolslegally.pdf

Find water-efficient appliances and plumbing fixtures at www.epa.gov/watersense