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### DID YOU KNOW...

In the summer, lawn watering and other outdoor uses can account for up to 50 percent of home water use. Studies show that as much as half of this outdoor use is wasteful. As a general rule, 2 to 3 cm of water per week is adequate.

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Plants that are native species don't require additional watering. Grassy lawns might make sense in wet climates, but in dry areas like the south and southwest, they're huge water-wasters!



# Outdoor Water Conservation

*Town of Midland*

## LAWN WATERING

- \* Don't over water your landscape. It can cause yellowing leaves or poor plant health. Give plants only the amount of water that they need.
- \* Set sprinklers to water the lawn, not sidewalks and driveways.
- \* Check your sprinkler or irrigation systems regularly for any leaks, and fix them.
- \* Use low-angle or pulsating sprinklers that produce large fat droplets of water.
- \* Be sure your hose has an automatic shutoff nozzle to ensure water is not wasted when the hose is left unattended.

## CAR WASHING

- \* Using a running hose to wash your car can waste about 400 liters of water. Using a bucket with a sponge plus a trigger nozzle on the hose will save you about 300 of those liters of water.
- \* Use self-service car washes. They use the least amount of water because they use high-pressure hoses that have a pistol grip and can be turned on and off easily.

## PLANTING

- \* Add two to four inches of organic material, such as peat or compost, to the soil. Greater soil depth will increase the ability of the soil to retain moisture.
- \* Use water-wise plants. Native and adaptive plants will use less water and be resistant to local plant diseases and pests.



## POOL MAINTENANCE

- \* If you own a pool, be sure to use a pool cover when it's not in use. This will cut down on evaporation losses and will keep it cleaner and warmer.
- \* Check equipment such as filtration systems and water inlets on a regular basis for signs of leaks.

