

Why Should I Conserve Water?

Governor Janet Napolitano has repeatedly commented that we in Arizona need to develop a "culture of conservation" when it comes to our precious water resources. She has led the way by requiring state agencies to cut their water use by 5 percent. They responded by reducing consumption by 11 percent!

Here on the Coconino Plateau, we need to appreciate the importance of our water supplies and realize that our supply is not infinite. The Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council is searching out solutions to projected water deficits, but we must do all we can in the meantime to protect what we have. By working together, we can stretch our supplies and make them last longer.

You may be asking, "What can I do? I'm just one person."

In this website you will find many links that will show different ways to reduce your water consumption with tips as simple as turning off the water while brushing your teeth to planting low water use plants. Also, you can find options for alternative water supplies such as, how to harvest rainwater or re-use of "grey water" for watering your garden.

To learn about many different ways to conserve water, click on any of the titles listed below to visit their website.

Water Use It Wisely

A campaign to educate the public regarding water conservation measures and issues.

Water Resource Research Center, U of A

The University of Arizona's Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) promotes understanding of critical state and regional water management and policy issues through research, community outreach and public education.

Water Conservation Alliance of Southern Arizona (CASA)

Promotes the efficient use of water in the Tucson area, enhances the public's awareness and understanding of water conservation issues, methods and practices.

Arizona Dept. of Water Resources

ADWR Statewide Conservation Office is committed to work with local communities to assess conservation needs and assist in the development of new programs for rural communities,

promote water education throughout the state, create guidelines for more efficient use of water, provide suggestions for funding and implement conservation programs.

Bureau of Reclamation

Federal agency with a mission of developing, managing, and protecting water and related resources

City of Flagstaff

The City of Flagstaff is taking a number of significant strides in the effort to enhance water use efficiency. This site offers many links to ways you can save water.

Coconino County

Sustainable building program: addresses ways to incorporate water conservation measures into building design.

American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association

Provide a forum for discussion of new methods, techniques, and materials pertaining to rainwater catchment systems.

Arizona Native Plant Society

Promotes knowledge, appreciation, conservation, and restoration of Arizona native plants and their habitats.

Grey Water Central-Oasis Design

All about all aspects of grey water systems. Why to use them, how to choose, build and use them, regulations, studies, and examples. Includes grey water irrigation, grey water treatment, grey water filters, and indoor grey water reuse.

Native Plants/Northern AZ Landscapes

Info on native plants. landscape features and gardening techniques which will collect and preserve water resources.

Statewide Drought Program

Arizona is entering its second decade of a statewide drought due to long-term precipitation deficits and increased demand for water. The declaration calls upon citizens, businesses, schools, institutions of higher learning, local governments and federal agencies to increase water conservation efforts.