

## Outdoor Water Conservation

Lawn watering and other outdoor uses can account for roughly 50 to 80% of your water use during the summer months. Studies show that as much as half of this outdoor use is wasteful.

### 1. Watering

- ◆ Don't overwater your landscape
- ◆ Use low-angle sprinklers to minimize evaporation
- ◆ Don't water on windy days
- ◆ Set sprinklers to water the lawn and not the sidewalks and driveways
- ◆ Check your sprinkler or irrigation system regularly for any leaks and fix them



### 2. Planting

- ◆ Use mulches in flower and shrub beds to retain moisture
- ◆ Native plants use less water and are resistant to local plant diseases and pests.
- ◆ Place your plants according to their water needs. This way, you won't waste water on plants that don't need it.

