

# Conserve Water Outdoors

## Aim Sprinklers

Make sure your sprinklers are positioned so that they spray completely into the lawn and not onto pavement.

## Choose the Right Container

Pick light containers over dark containers. Dark containers will absorb and retain heat, which will quickly dry out the soil.

## Mulch For Moisture

Mulch helps maintain soil moisture and may allow you to stretch the time between waterings. Mulch also prevents weeds from sprouting.

## Turn It Off at the Tap

Hoses and hose attachments often leak. Turn water off at the tap when you are done watering.

## Water at the Optimal Time

Water your lawn and garden in the early morning. When you water during cool parts of the day, more water will get to your plants instead of evaporating.

## Go Native!

Native plants are adapted to our climate and need very little water once they are established. They also attract birds and butterflies!

## Collect Rainwater

Reduce your water bill by supplementing your outdoor water use with rainwater. Install a rain barrel under your downspout to begin collecting rain.

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