

Smart Water Use for a Stronger Utah



Why Water Conservation Matters

Utah is one of the driest states in the nation, and our population continues to grow. Using water wisely ensures we have enough for families, businesses, agriculture, recreation, and future generations. Conservation also helps protect natural resources like the Great Salt Lake, which is vital to Utah's environment and economy.

Outdoor Water Use in Utah

- More than 60% of residential water use happens outdoors.
- Utah lawns are often overwatered by 2–3 times their actual needs.
- Small changes to irrigation — like adjusting schedules or fixing leaks — save thousands of gallons each year.

Creating a Beautiful Waterwise Landscape

Waterwise yards can be lush, colorful, and vibrant — not gravel-only. Simple landscape updates can save thousands of gallons

Effective approaches include:

- Watering 2–3 times per week in summer, less in spring and fall
- Using Utah-native and drought-tolerant plants
- Grouping plants by water needs (hydrozoning)
- Replacing high-use turf areas such as park strips
- Using drip irrigation where appropriate

Indoor Water Savings

Efficient indoor habits add up throughout the year:

- Turn off the tap while brushing or shaving
- Fix leaks promptly; toilets are common culprits
- Upgrade to WaterSense fixtures when possible

Rebates Help You Save

Many households qualify for rebates that make conservation easier and more affordable, including:

- Waterwise landscape or turf replacement
- Smart irrigation controllers
- High-efficiency toilets

Find programs in your area at SlowTheFlow.org/Rebates.

How Conservation Helps the Great Salt Lake

Utah's rivers and streams feed both our communities and the Great Salt Lake. Using less water at home leaves more water in the system — helping stabilize lake levels, support wildlife habitat, and reduce dust and air quality impacts across the region.

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