

What resources are available through the State for water conservation?



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Iron County Water Stewards

Answering Community Questions

Get to Know Your H2O: Central Iron County Water Conservancy District appreciates questions submitted by community members about the Pine Valley Water Supply Project and local water needs. As part of its role as steward of water in Cedar Valley, the District is working with a group of experts, community members and elected officials to help prepare viable solutions for the future and to respond to community questions and concerns about emergent water issues.

This week's question from the community is answered by

Shelby Ericksen, Water Conservation Coordinator for the Utah Division of Water Resources.

Question: What resources are available through the State for water conservation?

Answer: As drought continues to impact our state, Gov. Spencer J. Cox declared a state of emergency on April 21, calling on all Utahns to reduce their water use. The Utah Division of Water Resources offers some rebates to help residents conserve.

Currently, smart controller and toilet rebates are available statewide. Smart controllers for sprinkler systems automatically adjust watering schedules based on local weather and landscape needs. Since 60 percent of residential water is used for outdoor irrigation and eliminating just one watering can save about 3,000 gallons for the average Utah yard, smart controllers can help save a lot of water.

Old toilets are a leading cause of wasted water inside the home, and rebates are available for replacing toilets that use more than 1.6 gallons per flush in homes built before 1994. Smart controller rebates are for up to \$75 and toilet rebates are for up to \$100 per toilet and up to two toilets per home. Information on these rebates can be found at utahwatersavers.com.

The state Legislature appropriated \$5 million in its session earlier this year to give rebates for removing grass and replacing it with drought-resistant landscaping. The Utah Division of Water Resources is in the process of creating a turf-removal program and more information will be posted at <https://conservewater.utah.gov/grass-removal-rebates> as it becomes available. Utah residents can sign up for program updates by adding their email addresses to our list using [this form](#).

We are big fans of Localscapes, a phenomenal resource for landscaping education and design. Localscapes.com was founded by the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and the site even contains pre-made designs with measurements and suggested plants. Another resource for finding waterwise plants is

conservationgardenpark.org. Conservation tips can be found at slowtheflow.org and we recommend everyone follow the Weekly Lawn Watering guide at conservewater.utah.gov.

We encourage residents to follow the Weekly Lawn Watering Guide and avoid overwatering grass. Temperatures are starting to warm up, so Iron County has the recommendation to water twice this week. Getting a water check or doing a DIY water check for your yard is a great way to make sure you are watering as efficiently as possible. If you have high pressure, using high efficient sprinkler heads with pressure reducers can help save water too.

The Division of Water Resources' mission is to "Plan, conserve, develop, and protect Utah's water resources," and we believe a multi-faceted approach is needed to manage Utah's water. Conservation is an important aspect of our mission because water is a finite resource. Because of changing climate conditions and drought, it is important to take care of the water we have to ensure a better future. The more water we can keep in our aquifers and reservoirs, the better prepared we will be for future years and prolonged drought conditions.



The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District was created by a vote of Cedar Valley residents more than two decades ago. It has consistently been dedicated to developing and stabilizing the valley's water supply through conservation, recharge, reuse, and importing of water for the benefit of all current and future water users in the region. The District utilizes scientists, experts and professionals to understand the valley's underground aquifer and to determine responsible solutions for the community as it strives to meet local water challenges. For reliable information on the Pine Valley Water Supply Project specifically and the Cedar Valley's water situation in general, please visit <https://cicwcd.org/>. For more detailed information about the Pine Valley Water Supply Project and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, please visit <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1503915/570>.

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