

If residents want to conserve water during the current drought, what are some simple ways to make a difference?



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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 Paul Monroe, General Manager of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District.

Question: If residents want to conserve water during the current drought, what are some simple ways to make a difference?

Answer: The most important first step to water conservation is to be aware of your water use and have a desire to conserve. Actions as simple as turning off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving add up and make a difference.

Shortening showers, fixing toilet leaks or dripping faucets, and only running washing machines or dishwashers when they are full are other small changes that save water.

For both conservation and overall lawn health, residents can ensure they are not overwatering their turf by scheduling a free water check. Water checks are a service of the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District and Utah State University Extension and can be scheduled at www.cicwcd.org/water-wise-landscaping.

The Utah Division of Water Resources provides a weekly lawn watering guide, which currently recommends those in Iron County water three times per week, and each watering should apply a half inch of water. The time that takes depends on the type of sprinkler heads being used and the distance they have to cover.

If our area receives rain, sprinklers can be turned off. A smart sprinkler controller can do this automatically, and rebates for such controllers are offered by the state. More information is available through www.utahwatersavers.com. Sprinkler systems should also be regularly monitored to watch for malfunctioning

valves, broken sprinkler heads or pipes, water spraying sidewalks or driveways, and inefficient watering patterns.

Raising lawn mowers to a cutting level of three inches is healthier for your lawn and encourages grass to develop deeper roots.

Those who would like to swap out their lawns for a more diverse and water-wise landscape are encouraged to take the Localscapes course. Information can be found at www.cicwcd.org/localscapes.

QUICK & EASY CONSERVATION IDEAS

-  **TURN OFF THE TAP (WHILE BRUSHING TEETH OR SHAVING)**
-  **WAIT TO IRRIGATE (AFTER DARK AND NOT IN WIND OR RAIN)**
-  **SHORTEN YOUR SHOWER BY FIVE MINUTES**

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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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