



Arizona Department of Water Resources

Conserving Water Today for Arizona's Tomorrow

Water Saving Ideas for Businesses

Planning & Implementation

1. Commit to developing a water-efficiency program.
2. Appoint a water conservation coordinator or "blue team."
3. Develop a facility water management plan.
4. Educate and involve employees and cleaning personnel in your water-saving campaign.
5. Conduct a water audit (inside and out) to identify areas of greatest water use and potential water savings.
6. Conduct regularly scheduled leak detection activities and repair leaks immediately.
7. Install appropriate low-flow devices, shut-off valves, aerators and other water-efficient equipment. Look for the WaterSense label.
8. Convert to low-water-use landscaping and water it appropriately.
9. Reduce energy consumption to save water and vice versa. Look for the ENERGY STAR label.
10. Monitor and promote water savings!

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Indoor Tips

- Fix leaks, fix leaks, fix leaks!
- Install high-efficiency toilets and urinals.
- Eliminate once-through cooling of equipment by recycling water to a cooling tower. Or, select air-cooled versions when replacing equipment. Shut off cooling units when they are not needed.
- Use brooms, squeegees and vacuum cleaners to clean surfaces rather than washing with water.
- Install an energy-efficient water heater or consider "tankless" water heaters. Install an insulation blanket on water heaters that are warm to the touch.
- Use water-efficient icemakers.
- Offer water to customers only upon request.
- Post signage to educate customers about water efficiency.

Outdoor Tips

- Fix leaks, fix leaks, fix leaks!
- Ensure landscape is watered appropriately: correct amount of water, frequency and early in the morning to reduce evaporation.
- Sweep parking and other paved areas rather than using a hose.
- Evaluate the need to wash building exteriors.
- Change window cleaning schedules to "as required" and use squeegees.
- Wash vehicles only when needed.
- Use pool/spa covers to reduce evaporation.