



Water Wise Weekly

July 27, 2009

Spread the Word! How to Help Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors Conserve Water

Looking for ways to save water for yourself may be challenging at first, but by now you've probably gotten into the habit with a lot more ease. However, sometimes getting your family, friends, and neighbors to follow your lead may prove to be more difficult.

Here are some ideas to help approach the conservation tactfully and effectively:

- Post notes around the house to help children and other family members remember to conserve water and how.
- Place a timer in or near the shower, faucets, etc. to gauge how much water is being used.



- Encourage your children and other family members to help remind *you* to conserve water. Children love to remind adults when given the opportunity!
- Start a conservation contest within your neighborhood.

Resources:

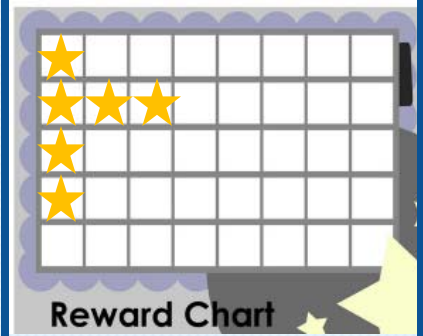
For ideas on starting a neighborhood conservation program, click [HERE](#)

Irrigation Users:

Adjust your system to run **100%** of your full cycle time

Click [HERE](#) for a sample irrigation schedule

Tip: Encourage children and other family members to conserve water by enacting a reward system. For example, make a chart for the week to track individuals' water use activities (shower length, shutting off faucets, etc.) with the biggest water conserver earning a prize at the end of the week!



Spread the Word!

How to Help Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors Conserve Water, continued

- Inform your neighbors and friends why you've stopped or reduced your lawn-watering. Encourage them to ask questions.
- Talk about the conservation program and what you are doing to conserve water with family, friends, and neighbors at every opportunity.
- Schedule an irrigation audit. Landscape irrigation auditing is an effective tool for maximizing water use efficiency. Share what you learn with your neighbors!



Conducting an irrigation audit

Sprinkling Restrictions:

Remember, from May 1 - September 30, use of the city water supply system for lawn and garden sprinkling, irrigation, car washing, or other non-potable uses is limited to an odd/even schedule corresponding to your property address. If your address ends in an even number, you may sprinkle on even days of the month. If your address ends in an odd number, you may sprinkle on odd days of the month.

Learning Opportunities & Events

Summer Exhibition
"Waterosity:
Go Green with a Splash"
June 6-October 4
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

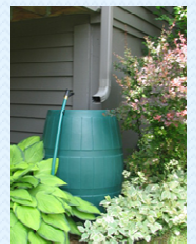
This program explores the interdependence of people, plants, and water through several interactive displays and exhibits.

"The Cutting Edge" demonstrates the lawn grasses of the future, while providing information on water-wise living and landscaping as part of the "Waterosity" exhibit at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Visit www.arboretum.umn.edu for more information.



Monthly Drawing!

July Prize
Rain Barrel
Winner:



The Vukovich Family