



Voluntary Conservation

Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) is asking customers to voluntarily conserve water in response to the outlook that California is entering another drought period. “EGWD customers have an excellent track record of conserving water during periods of drought,” says General Manager Bruce Kamilos. “During the 2013 to 2016 drought, our customers reduced overall water use by as much as 32%. I encourage our customers to voluntarily conserve water as our region is now experiencing its second consecutive dry year,” said Kamilos.

In the Elk Grove area, most of the water used daily goes on lawns and outdoor landscaping, and about 30 percent of that is lost due to overwatering and evaporation. Here are a few possible actions you can take to conserve water.

- Check your irrigation controller to prevent overwatering and adjust sprinklers to reduce overspray and runoff.
- Check your home for leaky or dripping faucets and fixtures. Include any outside hose connections during your inspection.
- Inspect for leaking irrigation lines or broken sprinklers, and leaking pipes throughout the house.
- Check for continually running toilets. This is a common cause for high water bills. Add 12 drops of food coloring into the tank, and if color appears in the bowl one hour later, your toilet is leaking, and your flapper valve most likely needs replacing.
- When doing laundry, use a full load instead of a smaller one, maximizing use and efficiency.
- Try taking showers instead of baths as showers use much less water.
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