

Arvada Watering Guidelines and Restrictions



Updated Sept. 27, 2021: With extended hot summer weather, water demand remains high. As Ralston Reservoir is taken off line for necessary repairs, the City will no longer have the capacity to treat the amount of water that the community is using for summer outdoor watering. Therefore, we need the community to reduce their outdoor water usage to no more than three days a week immediately. On October 15, all outdoor watering except for handheld watering must end. See updated watering guidelines below. Read the full news release on [Arvada.org](https://www.arvada.org).

Watering Restrictions for October 2021

Watering restrictions for **residential properties** between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 are as follows:

- If the address of your property ends in an odd number, please water on Saturday, Monday, Wednesday.
- If the address of your property ends in an even number, please only water Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday.
- Annuals and vegetables may be watered any day using drip irrigation or hand-held watering.
- Customers with newly-planted seed or sod may water the new turf as necessary for up to 21 days. However, after 21 days, we request watering occur on your designated days, no more than three days per week.
- On Oct. 15, all outdoor watering except hand-held watering must end. Sprinkler blowouts are permitted.

Watering restrictions for **homeowners associations (HOAs)** are as follows:

- All watering of outdoor common spaces must end as of Oct. 1, 2021.
- Sprinkler system blow outs and annual backflow tests are permitted.
- Customers with newly-planted seed or sod may water the new turf as necessary for up to 21 days. However, after 21 days, please only hand water as needed.

Standard Watering Guidelines

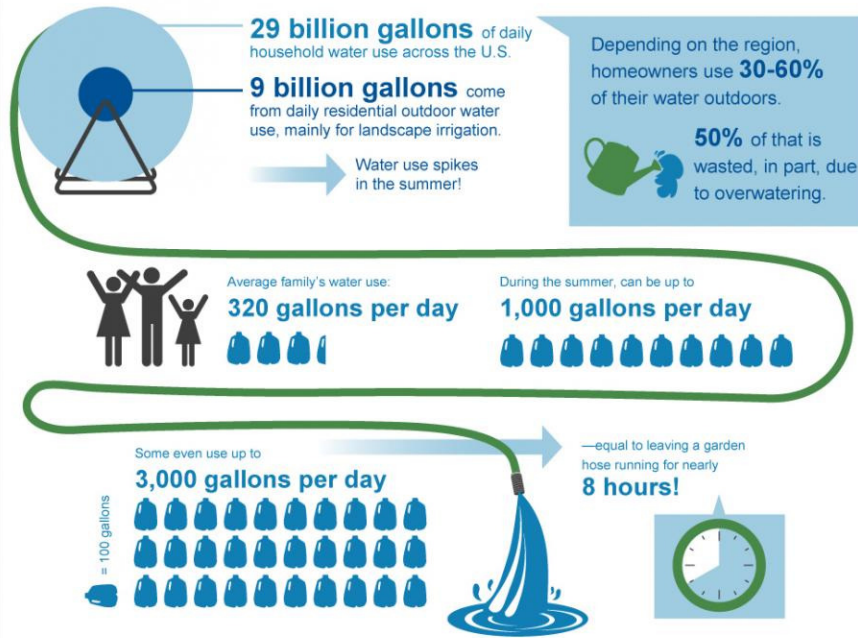
- Water no more than three days per week.
- Do not water lawns between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Do not waste water by allowing it to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not water while it is raining or during high winds.

Discounted Smart Controller

For only \$80, qualified City of Arvada water customers can get an Orbit B-hyve Smart Controller and free installation (total value of \$180). Visit [Resource Central](#) to order your controller.

SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.



Simple Things We Can All Do

- Step on it:** Step on the lawn: if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Leave it long:** Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.
- Take a sprinkler break:** Grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.

Simple Things Irrigation System Owners Can Do

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.

Timing is everything:

Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation.



Go with a pro:

Contractors certified through a WaterSense labeled program can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems so no water is wasted.

Look for the label:

If your system uses a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller that acts like a thermostat for your lawn, using local weather data to determine when and how much to water. They can reduce irrigation water use by 15%, saving nearly **8,800 gallons** of water per year.



Tune up your system:

Inspect irrigation systems, and fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Make sure you're watering the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway!

Just 1 broken sprinkler head could waste up to **25,000** gallons of water and **\$90+** over a 6-month irrigation season — the cost of about 300 daffodil bulbs.



WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply. For more tips on reducing outdoor water use, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor.



Other Tips

- Pay close attention to the weather. If it rains, skip watering that day.
- Water the areas of your yard that get the most sun exposure. Shady areas require less water.
- Decrease your watering time by a minute or two per section. Even small amounts of water conservation add up.

Seasonal Water Conservation Programs

Each spring, the City of Arvada partners with Resource Central to offer water saving programs to Arvada water customers. Programs include \$25 discounts on [Garden-In-A-Box](#) kits and free [Water-Wise Landscape Seminars](#). Programs run from March thru May. Check back early next year for 2021 program information.

Wondering About Watering in City Parks?

The City occasionally receives calls asking why we sometimes water parks during restricted hours. For information about the Parks watering system/schedule, visit arvada.org/city-parks-watering-during-daylight-hours-what-gives.