

Looking for local yard and garden guidance?

- Check your city or water provider for outdoor watering rules and updates
- Ask local nurseries about drought-tolerant and climate-adapted plants
- Look for local garden tours, demonstration gardens, or extension resources
- Consider whether your irrigation system needs repair, adjustment, or redesign
- Watch for local rebates or conservation programs from your water provider

New to Southern Oregon?

Dry summers are normal here. Many landscapes need different watering habits than they would in wetter regions. Start early, water during cooler hours, water deeply, and plan for long dry stretches.

About JSWCD

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District provide no-cost land consultations and guidance to help develop resilient project and connect residents, landowners, and producers to trusted local and state resources.

Find the Right Water Wise Guide

Need a different drought resource?

Look for these Water Wise guides for Jackson County:

- Drought: What to Know, What to Watch, and Where to Get Help
- Keep Your Yard Thriving Through Dry Summers
- New to Southern Oregon?
- Drought Preparedness for Rural Homes & Wells
- Drought Preparedness for Livestock & Stock Water
- Drought Preparedness for Crops, Orchards & Irrigation

Scan Me to check out the WaterWise Guides to find tips and resources that fit your home, land, livestock, or business needs.



jswcd.org/waterwise-drought-guides



Stay Informed.

Get seasonally relevant, local updates about upcoming events, funding opportunities, programs, and resources.



Simple Ways to Save Water



in Your Home

Small changes at home can save thousands of gallons of water each year, and help reduce costs while protecting local water supplies.

Start with the Basics

You don't need to change everything; just start with a few simple habits.

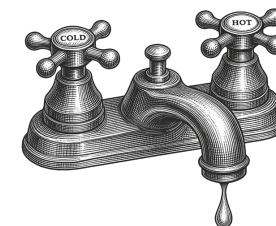
Know Your Water Use

- Check your water bill for sudden increases
- Compare usage month to month
- A spike in use may mean a leak



Find and Fix Leaks Early

- Common leaks include:
- Running toilets
- Dripping faucets
- Leaking valves



Even small leaks can waste **hundreds of gallons** per month.

Quick Leak Check

- Check your water meter
- Avoid using water for 2 hours
- If the reading changes, you likely have a leak



Fixing leaks saves water and lowers your bill

Plan Ahead to Save Water & Money

Make Your Home More Water Efficient

Upgrades can significantly reduce water use over time.

Upgrade Fixtures

- Water-efficient showerheads can reduce water use up to **40%**
- Faucet aerators can save **hundreds of gallons per year**

Replace Older Toilets

- Older toilets can use up to **6 gallons** per flush
- Modern high-efficiency and dual-flush toilets use about **1 gallon** per flush
- Upgrading can reduce toilet water use by 60–80%
- A household may save up to **13,000 gallons of water per year** and around \$170 annually on water costs



A family of four can save about **7,000 gallons per year**

Pools & Hot Tubs

- Cover pools and hot tubs when not in use to **reduce evaporation**
- Check regularly for **leaks** and repair them promptly
- Avoid **draining and refilling** unless necessary for maintenance or water quality
- Keep **water levels** properly maintained to reduce unnecessary water use



Understand Your Use

Want to know how much water your household uses?

Use a home water calculator to explore options.

<https://home-water-works.org/calculator>

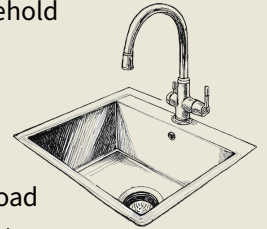
During Drought

Use Less Water Every Day

Everyday habits make a **big** difference during dry conditions.

In the Bathroom

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth
 - Saves up to 4 gallons per minute
- Keep showers under 5 minutes
 - Can save up to 1,000 gallons per month per household
- Check toilets for leaks
 - A leaky toilet can waste 10,000+ gallons per year



In the Kitchen

- Only run full loads of dishes - saves 5–10 gallons per load
- Wash produce in a bowl or pan instead of running the tap
- Keep drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap until it gets cold
- Defrost food in the fridge, not under running water
- Compost food scraps instead of using the garbage disposal when possible

In the Laundry Room

- Wait until you have a full load before running the washer
- Adjust the water level if your machine allows it
- Replace older washing machines with efficient models when practical
- Efficient models can use 40–75% less water and energy than older machines



In the Driveway & Around the House

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, patios, decks, and sidewalks
- Check outdoor faucets, hoses, and hose bibs for leaks
- If washing a vehicle at home, use a bucket and shutoff nozzle — or consider a commercial car wash that recycles water
- Reuse leftover water where safe, such as watering houseplants with melted ice or unused drinking water



*Estimate based on one shortened shower per person per day. Actual savings vary by household, showerhead, and current shower length.