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Water Conservation Tips

During the hot summer months there is a high demand on the City's water supply. To help the City meet the water demand, we are asking the members of our community to become more aware of their water use.

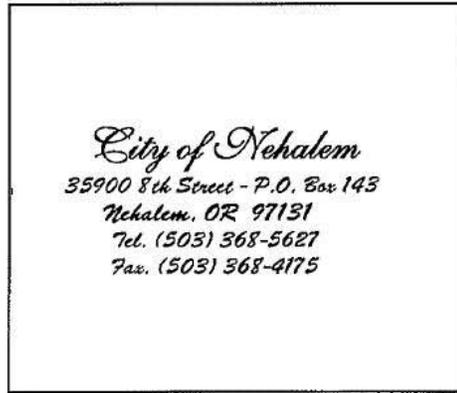
The following facts and tips are provided to give you some ideas on how to conserve water year-round; ensuring supply for everyone while reducing your monthly water through better water use.

Waste Per Month at 60 psi Water Pressure

Diameter of stream	Gallons	\$ Value
 1/4"	393,833	\$ 1,654.80
 3/16"	222,000	\$ 932.40
 1/8"	98,667	\$ 415.80
 1/16"	24,667	\$ 105.00

↑ A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a one month period, waste water in the amounts shown above. Value is calculated at \$ 4.20 per 1,000 gallons rounded.

See Other Side For More Information



General Tips:

- ✓ Use your water meter to check for leaks. Shut off all water and take a reading. Wait 30 minutes and take another reading: If the dial has changed, you have a leak. Your meter may also have a leak detector (small, spinning wheel) that moves with water use.
- ✓ Toilets can account for almost 30% of all indoor use. Check toilets for leaks by placing a few drops of food-coloring in the tank. If after 15 minutes the dye shows up in the bowl, the toilet has a leak. Replacing an old toilet with a new model can save the typical household 7,900 to 21,700 gallons per year.
- ✓ Take a quick shower instead of a bath and save an average of 20 gallons of water per bathing.
- ✓ Wash clothes and dishes only when you have a full load. A dishwasher is more water-efficient than washing the same amount by hand.
- ✓ Change to water saving plumbing. Low flush toilets and low flow showerheads can severely reduce water-usage.
- ✓ Insulate your hot water pipes and your electric water heater. Insulation will reduce the amount of time it takes for hot water to reach the tap, saving water and energy.
- ✓ Let your grass grow a little higher. Taller grass will shade the ground and help prevent evaporation.
- ✓ Limit each sprinkler use to 20 minutes every other day. Native shrubs, trees and grasses do not require watering during the summer. As much as 30% of water can be lost to evaporation.
- ✓ Water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Use a drip irrigation system for trees and shrubs.
- ✓ Use a broom, not a hose to clean sidewalks, driveways, decks, etc.
- ✓ Wash your vehicle only once every two weeks. Use a bucket of soapy water and use a nozzle to stop the flow of water from the hose between rinsings.

Check out these web sites for more tips & information:
www.waterwiser.org www.ci.nehalem.or.us