

Conserving Water

We appreciate that you take the time to evaluate your irrigation usage. What can you do to keep wasteful habits in check?

- Turn the faucet off when you brush your teeth;
- Put a jug of water in the refrigerator to keep it cold instead of running water to get it cold;
- Do those small repairs to leaky toilets and swamp coolers;
- Don't use your domestic water to water your lawns

We hope these ideas will trigger your imagination and encourage you to do your part in conserving our precious resource.

Lawn Care Tips from the Town of Silt

- A landowner only needs to water his/her typical lawn every 5 to 7 days in the summer; a good rain eliminates the need for water for up to two weeks;
- Water your lawn in the early morning when the wind is usually at its lowest speed, with less evaporation due to lower temperatures;
- Position your water sprinklers to land on your lawn and not on the street, driveway or sidewalks;
- Frequently check your sprinkler systems and timing devices to make sure they are working correctly; make sure everyone in the house knows how to turn off the sprinkler system in the event of rain;
- Raise your lawn mower to approximately three inches; a higher cut lawn encourages grass roots to go deeper and also shades the roots and helps hold moisture better than grass cut short;
- Over fertilizing your lawn increases the need for water and is a possible source of water pollution;
- Putting mulch in the soil helps retain moisture and also helps to control weeds;
- Lastly, when planting new grass, plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses; check with the local nursery's for advice.