

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Outdoor water use accounts for up to 50 percent of water consumed by households. To reduce your outdoor water use, follow these simple steps:

- Use a hose with a shutoff nozzle.
- Don't hose off your driveway — use a broom to clean leaves and other debris.
- Check your irrigation system to make sure it's working properly and adjust it so it's not watering paved areas.
- If you have an automatic irrigation system, be sure it has a working device, such as a rain sensor or soil moisture sensor, which overrides the system when enough rain has fallen or the soil is moist enough to skip an irrigation cycle.
- Cut your grass at the highest recommended setting for your turf species — this will encourage grass roots to grow deeper and grass blades to hold moisture.
- Irrigate only when your lawn and landscape need water and only on your watering day.
- Check all faucets, hoses and connectors periodically for leaks and to make sure they are in good working order.

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