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Water and Sewer Commission News Release

Water Conservation

Temperatures are up in Bishop and so is the use of water. Water use in the City of Bishop is always high, especially during the summer. In fact, water use in Bishop is several times the national average and is even very high for a community in a hot arid setting.

Fortunately there are things we can all do to reduce the water we use without having to make big compromises. Reducing the amount water used reduces the amount of electricity and maintenance needed to provide the water. Reducing electricity and maintenance saves money and allows rates to be as low as possible. In addition, saving water is just the right thing to do.

Irrigation: By far, irrigation of lawns and landscaping uses the most water. A huge amount of water is wasted by over-watering lawns and plants in the yard. Just water what your lawn and plants need, no more.

Gutter Water: A clear indicator of over-watering is irrigation water running into the street gutter. Water running down the street is a distressingly familiar sight this time of year and is prohibited by Bishop law.

Water Mornings: In most cases watering in early morning is best to get the water to your plants and lawn. Avoid watering in the heat of the day.

Adjust Sprinklers: Well adjusted sprinkler heads and properly timed automatic sprinkler controls waste less water. Check your sprinkler heads to make sure water

is going just where it should and check your automatic controls to make sure the time and duration your sprinklers operate is right.

Thirsty Plants: More and more places around town are being landscaped with native plants and other plants that aren't so thirsty. Swapping your thirsty plants with ones that are less thirsty (and still look great) will save a tremendous amount of water over the years.

Indoors: Most Bishop water is used outside but saving water inside can add up too. Don't leave water running if you don't need it and replace fixtures with water saving types.

Saving water in Bishop will save money and reduce water rates. As State water regulations become more stringent, water conservation will become more and more important for everyone, including those of us lucky enough to live, work, and play in Bishop. Contact the City of Bishop Water and Sewer Commission or the Department of Public Works at 873-8458 for more information on water conservation and the City's water system.