

## **What can I do to lower my bill?**

While it sounds like an obvious answer, the simplest way to reduce your water bill - and conserve an important resource - is to use less water.

### **Here are some simple things to do that will help:**

- Reduce irrigation.
  - Most people over-water turf and plants.
  - In the winter, spring and fall plants require approximately half the water needed in the hot summer months.
- Water lawns no more than 2 times per week.
  - On hot days about 40% of water used in irrigation will evaporate.
- Use drought tolerant or low water need plants.
  - This can save as much as 1500 gallons of water per year.
- Shut off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
  - This can save at least 10 gallons of water per day.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines for full loads only.
- Repair or replace leaky faucets.
  - The average leaky faucet wastes at least 5 gallons of water per day.
- Repair or replace leaky toilets.
  - A leaky toilet wastes approximately 40 gallons of water per day.
- Cover swimming pools when not in use.
  - Evaporation from uncovered pools can waste as much as 3,000 gallons per month through evaporation.