



## Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District

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# WATER: Are you using it wisely?

## Why is water metered in Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District?

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District meters all accounts connected to its water distribution system to encourage conservation. Without water conservation, utilities have to develop a large volume of new water. Water-conserving districts do not need to pay as much to develop new water supplies or to expand or upgrade infrastructure. Most importantly, Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District is within the watershed of our precious drinking water source. It is important to remember that as residents and employees of Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, we must make every effort to encourage conservation to protect our beautiful lake for many years to come.

### What is Water Conservation?

- Water conservation is improved water management practices that reduce or enhance the beneficial use of water.
- A water conservation measure is an action, change, or improved process implemented to reduce water loss, waste, or use.
- Water efficiency is a tool of water conservation that results in more efficient water use which reduces water demand.



Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District requests that customers irrigate on a voluntary watering schedule: even numbered addresses to only water outside on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and odd numbered addresses to water on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, with no outdoor watering on Mondays.

Call Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District if you have any questions.  
(360) 734-9224  
Monday—Thursday  
8:00am—5:00pm



### The Dos and Don'ts of Water Conservation

#### Bathroom

- Do take short showers and save 5-7 gallons a minute!
- Do fill the tub halfway and save 10-15 gallons.
- Do install water-saving toilets, showerheads and faucet aerators. Place a plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet tank if you can't switch to a low-flow toilet.
- Don't run the water while shaving, washing your hands or brushing your teeth. Faucets use 2-3 gallons a minute.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket, and don't flush it unnecessarily.



#### Everywhere

- Do repair leaky faucets and turn taps off tightly. A slow drip wastes 15-20 gallons each day.
- Don't open fire hydrants.



#### Kitchen & Laundry

- Do run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full. Save even more by using the short cycle.
- Do install faucet aerators.
- Don't let the water run while washing dishes. Kitchen faucets use 2-3 gallons a minute. Filling a basin only takes 10 gallons to wash and rinse.



#### Outdoors

- Do use a self-closing nozzle on your hose.
- Don't water your sidewalk or driveway—instead, sweep them clean.

