



# SUMMER

## water

### CONSERVATION

## Restart Smart

Summer sun means many of our residents will be returning to second and vacation homes on the lake. If you've been away for an extended period, use caution when turning water back on for the first time.

- Know where your meter box is and how to see if water is flowing through it
- Check timers, valves, and gaskets on sprinkler and irrigation systems to make sure they're working

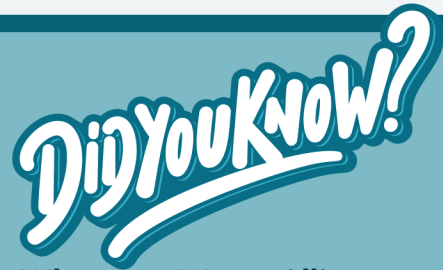
# Water Wisely



- Water deeply, but less frequently
- Water when the sun is low - morning or evening - to reduce evaporation due to heat & wind
- Plant your yard & garden with native plants
- Consider a timer for irrigation systems
- Don't mow too low - 1/3" of grass allows for formation of deeper roots and more efficient watering
- Follow the voluntary watering schedule based on your house number:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ODD		EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN

On Mondays, all addresses take a break from watering to allow reservoirs to replenish



**Whatcom Water Alliance offers water conservation rebates to Whatcom County single family homes that do not utilize City of Bellingham Water for installation of certain irrigation controllers.**

## Rebates



High efficiency toilets  
Up to \$100 rebate



Irrigation controllers  
Up to \$75 rebate



High efficiency clothes washers  
Up to \$100 rebate available

[whatcomwateralliance.org/rebates](http://whatcomwateralliance.org/rebates)

## Recreation on the Lake

Planning to kayak, canoe, row, paddle, or motor on Lake Whatcom this summer? We need your help to protect Whatcom County waters! The City of Bellingham's Public Works Department manages boat inspections and permitting as part of the Whatcom Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

### Whatcom AIS Contacts

Whatcom Boat Inspection Hotline  
360-778-7975

AIS Program Email  
[g.pw.ais@cob.org](mailto:g.pw.ais@cob.org)

[www.whatcomboatinginspections.com](http://www.whatcomboatinginspections.com)



## Water Utility Reconnection during Heat-related Alerts

Pursuant to HB 1329 effective July 23, 2023, the District will not terminate water service due to lack of payment for residential customers on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert within the District's service area. Further, any residential customer whose water service has been disconnected for lack of payment may request that the District reconnect water service on any day for which the national weather service has issued or has announced that it intends to issue a heat-related alert within the District's service area. To request reconnection for the period under which the heat alert is in effect, please contact the District at 360-734-9224.

Weather and soil moisture-based irrigation controllers use local weather or soil conditions to determine when and how much to water, making watering more efficient. Replacing a standard clock timer with a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller can save an average home up to 15,000 gallons of water per year.

For more info or to find out if you qualify, scan the QR code or visit

[www.whatcomwateralliance.org/rebates](http://www.whatcomwateralliance.org/rebates)

