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Arizona's Water Drought Crisis

Much of the southwest has been enduring drought conditions since the late 1990s. But for the first time, the Colorado River – which supplies water to seven states and Mexico – is in a shortage. Its major reservoirs have declined to record-low levels. As a result, water conservation has become even more urgent and offers a solution to stretching our water supplies by collectively reducing water use.

The good news is that Arizona has a strong history of managing water supplies and has one of the most intricate and advanced water management systems in the U.S. By investing in infrastructure and strategies like diverse water supplies, water reuse, underground storage, and robust conservation programs, Arizona water providers have taken proactive measures to conserve our water supplies and store water for the future.

Here are some conservation tips so that all Arizona residents can do their part!

Water Conservation Tips (For Landscaping and at Home)

- **Water Deeply and Early:** Water in the morning (before 9:00 a.m.) to reduce evaporation, but water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep root growth.
- **Irrigation Maintenance:** Check for leaks, adjust schedules monthly, and ensure sprinklers are not watering sidewalks. Use drip irrigation for plants.
- **Mulch and Soil:** Apply 2-3 inches of organic or inorganic (rock) mulch to reduce evaporation and regulate soil temperature.
- **Go Native:** Plant drought-tolerant, desert-adapted, or native plants to save significant water.
- **Pool Care:** Summer is coming! Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation by 40% to 50%.

WIFA Project Update

We're excited to share that our new WIFA grant-funded project is now underway!

As part of this initiative, you may notice an increased presence of our technicians in the community over the coming weeks. This project includes replacing older water meters with updated technology designed to improve accuracy, enhance your billing experience, and strengthen our service to the community.

For updates on this project please call the office or visit our website!



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