

Water Saving Tips for HOAs

1. Find and Fix Leaks

A small faucet drip can waste 75 gallons per day. Toilet leaks, often silent, can waste over 200 gallons per day. A steady irrigation or house line leak can waste more than 1,000 gallons per day.

2. Don't Overwater

During the drought, water no more than two days per week and turn off irrigation when winter rains arrive. Early morning is the best time to water to reduce evaporation and avoid windy conditions. EBMUD's water budget program gives you a baseline and lets you know when you are overwatering.

3. Adjust and Repair Sprinkler Heads

To prevent overspray and runoff, regularly check, adjust and repair irrigation equipment. EBMUD offers rebates for water-efficient sprinkler heads.

4. Apply Mulch

At least 3 inches of mulch will keep soil moist and provide nutrients to plants. Keep mulch at least 6 inches away from tree trunks and plant stems to avoid mildew.

5. Install Drip Irrigation

Drip technology gets water to the roots more efficiently and more slowly so it percolates into the soil.

6. Upgrade to a Smart Controller

Conventional controllers can overwater by as much as 50 percent. EBMUD offers up to \$300 in rebates, depending on the number of stations.

7. Don't Clean Hardscape with Water

Use a broom to clean sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and other areas. Use water only as necessary for health and sanitation.



Be WaterSmart! Regular checks of an irrigation system prevent leaks, overwatering, runoff and overspray in common area landscapes.

8. Educate Your Residents

Use HOA newsletters and post signage in common areas to promote a conservation ethic and raise awareness. Our "Save Like a Pro" posters are available free of charge on our website at: ebmud.com/SaveLikeaPro.

EBMUD has the following informational materials available for distribution to residents, free of charge:

- Top Tips for Saving Water in the Home
- Residential Conservation Rebates and Services
- Looking for Leaks

