Water Saving Tips: Getting the biggest bang for your water dollar

Educate yourself
Learn about all the City has to offer for conservation by visiting the web site at: lowaterconservation.com.

Schedule an audit
Call Kevin, Water Conservation Specialist at 503-675-3747. Of the audits the City has performed, people are enjoying an average 20% reduction in water use. That means a 20% reduction in their water bill too.

Take advantage of “freebies”
Read more on page 1 and pick up your water conservation tools at the City Hall third floor reception desk.

Reduce your use
One inch per week is all you need!

Adjust your sprinklers
Watering the streets and walks is a waste!

Plant more natives
Native plants are much more tolerant to drought and insects than those from other regions.

Cut your grass higher and mulch the clippings
Grass cut about three inches high will use significantly less water and mulching the clippings will help reduce fertilizer use.

Aerate
Aeration loosens the soil and allows the roots to go deeper and water to infiltrate better, with less runoff.

Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership: Drinking Water Treatment Decision

Come to an Open House to learn more

The Cities of Lake Oswego and Tigard have formed a partnership for sharing drinking water resources and costs. The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership is planning to expand Lake Oswego’s existing drinking water infrastructure to serve both communities. This provides an opportunity to evaluate the water treatment process and discuss new technology.

Under the partnership agreement, Lake’s Oswego’s existing water treatment plant will be upgraded to meet both communities’ needs into the future. This is the first and one of the most important decisions that the Partnership will make. The upgraded facility will use a proven treatment technology that produces safe, pleasant tasting water that meets or exceeds all drinking water regulations and can be adapted to meet future regulations.

National and regional experts in water treatment and public health are teaming up with staff and community members from Lake Oswego and Tigard to evaluate different treatment methods, focusing on the environmental and public health benefits, costs, community impacts and risks of each alternative treatment method. The water treatment decision team will participate in workshops over a four-month period, March-June 2010, concluding with a treatment recommendation forwarded to both City Councils by July 2010.

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The treatment team arrived at 18 different treatment alternatives at its first workshop. These were narrowed in the second workshop to six options for further study. Between now and mid-June, the team will analyze these in more detail and provide its opinion on an option(s) to recommend to the Oversight Committee, a subcommittee of policymakers from Lake Oswego and Tigard.

To learn more, read Water Savvy Issue No. 1, “Drinking Water Treatment Decision,” available at lotigardwater.org and come to an Open House on June 24 (see below).

Stay Informed!

To join our email list and for more information about the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership visit www.lotigardwater.org or contact:

Jane Heisler, Communications Director, City of Lake Oswego, Oregon at jheisler@ci.oswego.or.us or 503-697-6502.

Open House

Learn more about the plans for Lake Oswego and Tigard’s water future and provide your input.

June 24, 2010

Doors open 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Presentations at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
West End Building
4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego
~ Activities for kids! ~

FREE Spring Irrigation Workshop

June 12, 2010

♦ Free to Lake Oswego Water Customers
♦ Learn how to start up an irrigation system
♦ Tips on how to reduce outdoor watering cost

Sign up here: https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/tools/engineer/irrigationWorkshop/