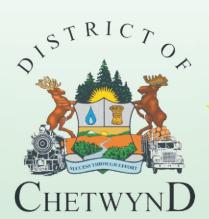
WATER CONSERVATION PROGRA **OUTDOORS**



Hang this poster in the garage or anywhere in the house, then follow the tips below to help conserve water.





OUTDOOR WATER WISE TIPS





- **♦** Listen to the weather forecasts. This way you can choose not to water the lawn when it is going to rain.
- Use a screwdriver as a probe to test soil moisture. If it goes in easily, don't water.
- Water in the evening or early in the morning to reduce evaporation. Most lawns need only an inch of water per week to stay healthy. Use a shallow can to measure this amount.
- Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered, not the house, sidewalk, or street. Do not water on a windy day.
- Collect rain water in a barrel and use it to water your garden.
- Use mulch to reduce evaporation.
- Aerate your lawn periodically.

- When mowing, leave the grass at least three inches high. Closely-cut grass makes the roots work harder, requiring more water.
- Water trees slowly, deeply, and infrequently to encourage deep rooting.
- Plant native species and waterefficient grasses, plants, trees, and shrubs.





- Use a broom when cleaning the driveway.
- When washing vehicles, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.







How Water-Wise are you?

For every tip you follow during the week, fill in one water drop below.

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