

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

WASTEWATER AND WATER CONSERVATION

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HELPFUL HINTS SAVE \$\$\$'S

\$\$\$ DOWN THE DRAIN?
WATER = ENERGY = \$ = WHO PAYS TO CLEAN OUR WATER?

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SAVING WATER SAVES ENERGY, AND \$\$\$'s

Weekly Tips

Monday

Mmm - what IS that?
We all do it - reuse old tins to store 'useful' stuff? If this is what your garden shed looks like, maybe it's time to find a local household hazardous waste collection event?

Tuesday

GET THE GREASE OUT!!
Old quarts of oil, pints of degreasers, used motor oil NEVER pour these down the storm drain because whether it leads to a lake or a treatment plant it will cost money to clean it up! Ask at your library when the next hazardous waste event is or where you can recycle locally.

SO, YOU WANT TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT WATER?



When the news is full of stories of unwanted trash washing up on lake shores - everyone wants to know where it came from It comes from us!

All manner of polluting agents wash down into storm drains or run off our driveways and parking lots, our roads and stream banks.

If water is vital to sustain life, and soil is vital to properly treat our wastewater - how we use, or abuse the seemingly endless supply of water will determine our future quality of life.

The average family of four uses 400 gallons of water per day, and about 30 percent of that is devoted to outdoor uses.

More than half of outdoor water is used for watering lawns and gardens. Nationwide, landscape irrigation is estimated to account for almost a third of all residential water use, totaling more than **7 billion gallons per day**.

Grass doesn't need to be watered every day; make sure your lawn really needs it.. If you can stick a screw driver into your lawn easily — don't water!

Remember:
Clean Water Starts At Home

An inefficient irrigation system can waste water **and** money, but using weather based irrigation scheduling on a moderate sized yard can reduce a household's outdoor water use by about 15 percent, saving up to 37 gallons of water every day.

A weather-based irrigation controller can do the scheduling for you, providing just the right amount of water to your plants when it senses they need it not at an arbitrary time.

Landscaping with native plants, or species adapted to the local climate, can reduce outdoor water use by **20 to 50 percent**.

And remember to fix that leaking outdoor faucet!!



Wednesday

The best time to water your yard is early morning, when winds are calm and temperatures are cool. Best time to cut your lawn is in the evening and cut to 2.5 - 3"



Thursday

Every drop of water in its place!
Water pouring from gutters and downspouts should never be allowed to flood your septic system! Go to: www.epa.gov/watersense

Friday

Let it breath! NEVER park or push snow on top of your septic system