

What to do when every drop counts...

Tips for Conserving Water Indoors

- Become a frugal flusher or update to a new water sense toilet.
- Reduce your weekly laundry loads by at least one.
- Upgrade water fixtures, install low-flow showerheads, and use sink aerators to greatly reduce household water use.

Tips for Conserving Water Outdoors

- Check for and fix leaks on a regular basis. (A 1/16th inch continuous leak can waste 300,000 gallons of water per year!)
- Ensure your sprinkler system is working properly and water your lawn wisely. Use a Moisture Meter (3-4" below surface!) to check soil moisture before you water.
- Use drought tolerant or native plants instead of turf.

Hire a Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL)

QWEL certified professionals are trained in efficient irrigation principles and sustainable landscaping practices, and can also help to:

- Use water efficiently in your landscape
- Reduce runoff and overspray
- Select and install efficient irrigation equipment
- Develop your irrigation schedule and program your irrigation controller

There are QWEL professionals throughout the American West, including over 20 within the Roaring Fork Valley! Find one at www.qwel.net/hire-a-qwel-pro.

Choose Low Water Native Plants

Colorado State University Extension has excellent resources to help you choose which native plants are best for your backyard.

Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Western Slope - Below 7,000':
<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/WestSlopeSm.pdf>

Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Mountains 7,500' and Above:
<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/MountainsSm.pdf>



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can be found at**
www.roaringfork.org/drought