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Pennsylvania American Water Provides Tips for Conserving Water This Summer

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (June 24, 2025) – As summer temperatures rise and watering demands increase, Pennsylvania American Water is offering water conservation tips.

“With summer upon us, it's more important than ever to use water wisely,” said Justin Ladner, president of Pennsylvania American Water. "We encourage our customers and the public to reduce outdoor watering, especially after it rains, and to adopt smart irrigation practices. It’s our collective responsibility to reduce water consumption and take proactive steps to protect our water supply.”

Many people unintentionally water their lawns during peak evaporation times or use more water than necessary to maintain a healthy yard. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), an estimated 50% of outdoor water usage is wasted. This is why it’s important to use water wisely, both indoors and outdoors. Doing so supports conservation efforts and helps ensure that safe, clean and reliable water is available for customers and future generations.

From adjusting your watering schedule to fixing household leaks, every drop counts. Here are some helpful tips:

- Water early in the morning, later in the day or even at night to minimize evaporation. As much as 30% of water can be lost by watering during midday.
- Make use of rainwater by collecting it in rain barrels for use on outdoor plants and gardens.
- Check sprinkler heads to help ensure water isn't being wasted on pavement or unwanted areas.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, driveways and sidewalks.
- Mulch garden beds to retain moisture and prevent weeds. A two- to three-inch layer is typically effective.
- Set your mower higher. Grass cut to 2.5 to 3.5 inches is more drought-resistant and healthier overall.
- Check for leaks. Even small leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water each year. 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.

Ladner added that reduced water usage can also help decrease water bills. “Actively monitoring and making an effort to use less water in the warm weather months can also keep the usage portion of your water bills lower, helping customers to save money.”

Pennsylvania American Water customers can monitor their water usage and find ways to use water more wisely online through theirMyWateraccount. For more water saving tips, click here. For information about the company’s H2O Help to Others customer assistance programelHel, visit pennsylvaniaamwater.com/H2O.

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