

GREELEY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS



The City of Greeley

is proud to have a long history of water stewardship here in northern Colorado. Since 1907, we've provided safe, high-quality water supplies for our residents while ensuring a reliable supply for the future. One of the many ways we're safeguarding your water supply is through water conservation. In fact, Greeley offers one of the most robust water conservation programs in Colorado.

With just over 13 inches of rainfall per year, Greeley is considered a semi-arid climate. This means local water supplies are scarce and must be used very wisely. To help customers save water indoors as well as outdoors, Greeley provides a wide range of water conservation programs and services that benefit a variety of water users. We hope you'll take a few minutes to learn more about these offerings and take the next steps to use water wisely.



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY KEY

A = All Customers

SFR = Single-Family Residents

MFR = Multi-Family Residents

ICI = Industrial, Commercial,
and Institutional Accounts

LC = Landscape Contractors

REBATES

Irrigation Rebates [A]

Customers who have completed an irrigation audit can qualify for rebates that reduce the cost of watering equipment by up to 50%.

Rebate-eligible devices include:

- Smart sprinkler controllers
- Pressure-reducing valves
- Rotary sprinkler nozzles

Commercial Rebates [MFR, ICI]

Rebates are available for a variety of indoor and outdoor water-using devices, such as:

- Bathroom fixtures
- Kitchen and restaurant equipment
- Laundry appliances
- Industrial devices
- Irrigation hardware

Greeley offers free commercial audits to help you determine which products are appropriate for your facility.

Professional Landscape Certification [LC]

Landscape Contractors who work in Greeley and pass the Certified Landscape Technician (CLT-I) exams in Irrigation for the first time can receive a rebate.

WATER AUDITS

Greeley offers free water audits to help customers identify ways to conserve water. Participation is voluntary and can result in significant water savings.

Indoor Water Audits [A]

A Greeley Water Auditor will come to your property to:

- Look for leaks and other sources of water waste
- Check high water use appliances
- Provide low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators
- Make recommendations for repairs and upgrades

Outdoor [Irrigation] Audits [A]

From the months of April through October, Greeley Water specialists are available to come to your property to:

- Inspect watering zones and identify problems
- Measure how much water is being applied
- Check water pressure and recommend adjustments
- Develop a custom watering schedule

Commercial Water Audits [MFR, ICI]

During a commercial water audit, a Greeley Water specialist will:

- Review how your facility is using water
- Identify areas of water waste
- Provide recommendations and custom water use targets

LAWN REPLACEMENT INCENTIVES

Cash for Grass Rebates [SFR]

Greeley water customers who are exceeding their outdoor water budget can get cash for replacing their lawn with low water use plants. This pilot program is intended to replace well-watered lawns with more sustainable landscapes, such as Xeriscape, rain gardens, and pollinator plants.

Xeriscape Grants [MFR, ICI]

Matching grants of up to \$2,500 per year are available to smaller areas that replace turf with Xeric (requires little or no watering) plantings. Multi-phase projects can receive additional funding in subsequent years. Money is available for smaller HOA projects, small businesses, schools, places of worship, and other areas that have a maintenance plan in place.





SEASONAL OFFERINGS

The following programs are offered seasonally. Sign up for our e-newsletter or register for WaterSmart to be the first to find out when these limited-time offerings become available.

Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale [A]

Periodically, Greeley offers customers discounted compost bins and rain barrels. Incorporating compost into soil improves the organic content, helps with drainage and encourages beneficial living organisms into your soil. Compost also helps protect the environment and improves water quality by reducing the need for fertilizers and pesticides. Rain barrels capture the water that falls on your roof so you can use it to water your landscape.

Garden in a Box [A]

During the spring and fall, Greeley offers discounted Garden In A Box kits that make it easy to plant beautiful, low water-use gardens at home. Several kit options are available depending on your space and sun exposure. Each kit includes:

- Low-water plants
- A professionally designed plant-by-number map
- Plant care instructions

Showerhead Exchanges [A]

Greeley water customers can exchange their old showerheads for new low-flow models. Customers can choose from a variety of showerheads, including hand-held models, massage heads, and soft spa heads. Showerhead exchanges are held periodically at events. New showerheads are also available through Indoor Water Audits.

For more information about Greeley's water conservation programs, please contact us at:

**greeleygov.com/conserv
conserv@greeleygov.com
(970) 336-4134**

ONLINE WATER EFFICIENCY TOOLS

Water Budget Portal [SFR]

Water rates for single-family homes are calculated using water budgets. A water budget is the amount of water you need each billing period, and it is determined by your family size, landscape size, and real-time weather conditions. This system ensures you pay the lowest water bill when you use water efficiently. Visit our Water Budget Portal to change your indoor water use profile, view your outdoor map, and get answers to common questions: **efficiencyrewarded.com**

WaterSmart Customer Portal [A]

Greeley customers are encouraged to sign up for the WaterSmart Program, which is an online portal that allows you to view and understand your home water use. Once you register, you can see when and where you're using the most water, and how your water usage compares to similar households in your area. From there, you can use this information to identify ways to be more efficient. **greeleygov.com/watersmart**

Online Plant Database [A]

Replacing a portion of your lawn with water-wise plants can help you save water outdoors and preserve our water resources. Our online plant database helps customers select low water-use plants that are well-suited to Greeley's semi-arid climate. The database features more than 350 plants along with photos, descriptions, and planting tips: **plantsforgreeley.com**





EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Landscape Lecture Series

Free lectures and workshops are offered January through September on a variety of landscape topics to improve water efficiency outdoors. Classes are offered the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the City Center Building. Reservations are required.

Speakers Bureau

Speakers for classrooms, civic clubs, and other groups are available upon request. Presentations can be tailored to a specific age group, topic or learning objective. Examples of presentation topics include:

- Watersheds
- Water Conservation
- Water Law
- Water Quality
- Water Sources
- Xeriscape

Teacher Training

Greeley sponsors training programs on water and conservation issues for local teachers.

Tours

Tours of Greeley's water-related facilities are offered seasonally and can be scheduled for groups of 10 or more. To learn more about Greeley's water history, check out our permanent exhibit at the Greeley History Museum.

Xeriscape Education

Literature and tours of Greeley's Xeriscape garden provide the tools and resources to help you implement water-wise landscaping principles and reduce water use. Xeriscape topics are also often covered in the Landscape Lecture Series.



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