

How To Use This Guide

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

This guide takes you step-by-step on how to discover typical leaks and reduce water use in your home.

WHERE TO START?

An unexpected high water bill is often the first sign of high water use. While sudden high use is often the result of leaks, it is important to know that irrigation controller programming is a more common cause.

Think back - did you or did your landscaper recently increase or make changes to your watering schedule? Make sure the irrigation system does not run too often or too long.

Once you have confirmed that your irrigation controller programming is not the cause, you can begin your search for leaks. **Start with Section 1** How to Read Your Water Meter and follow the guide from there.

Check boxes as you complete each task. And don't worry if you don't finish all at once - the guide will save your place. Have questions? **Contact your local**

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**Fix Leaks. Save
Water. Save
Money.**



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DID YOU KNOW?

According to the EPA, the average household loses more than 10,000 gallons of water each year through leaks - the same amount of water needed to wash 280 loads of laundry, take 600 showers

or meet the average family's water needs for a month. Some water leaks are slow and difficult to detect, yet even the smallest leaks can add up quickly. Fortunately, most leaks are easy to find if you know where to look!

Our Water Supply

Arizona's arid climate is a constant reminder of the importance of a reliable water supply. Decades of water resource planning and management, coupled with the availability of diverse water sources, helps stabilize our existing supplies to create a more reliable and secure water future. Ongoing responsible water management is critical to the vitality of our cities and communities. **Everyone plays a part.**

A Water-Efficient Home

The most important action you can take as a residential water consumer is to maintain a water-efficient home. A water-efficient home helps you minimize your water use, conserve energy and reduce your water and sewer costs.

How do you know if your home is water-efficient?

The average water use in the Phoenix metro area is



6,000-15,000 gallons per household per month. This number can vary greatly based on the following factors:

- Number of people living in or visiting the home
- House and/or property size
- Presence of water-efficient appliances and plumbing fixtures
- Landscape type and watering habits
- Seasonal water use
- Presence of a swimming pool
- Personal habits
- Occurrence of indoor or outdoor leaks

Saving water is something that we can all do, but sometimes it's hard to know where to get started. We are excited about this new guide from **AMWUA** that shows how Arizona residents can take simple steps to find and fix those small leaks that add up to big losses. Less water wasted means more water for your community.

-Veronica Blette, EPA WaterSense Program

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