

Whet Your Water Appetite: *Water Resources on the Web*

Water is one of our most precious resources and we need it to survive. Although the earth's fresh water supply is constantly being cleaned and recycled through the water cycle, we continue to use water much faster than the earth can naturally replenish our supply. As stewards of the environment, we must continue to do our best to conserve our water resources for ourselves and future generations. There are a number of ways that you can help save water and the environment. Visit these Web site resources to learn how you can do your part.

Centennial Water and Sanitation District's water conservation Web page. Learn about water conservation measures that are in place to help save water outdoors. Find helpful seasonal tips, outdoor watering guides, home water management guides and more. Visit www.highlandsranch.org and click on the links to Water and Sanitation and Water Conservation.



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Colorado State Cooperative Extension's Web site provides numerous fact sheets to help you save water in and around your home. Find articles on maintaining your irrigation system, soil improvements and lawn care. Look for the Water Resources and Gardening Online Fact Sheets under the Horticulture and Water Resources tabs at www.ext.colostate.edu.

Want to find out how you can save water in every room of your house? Visit H2Ouse and receive information about ways you can save in and around your home. Use the water calculator and find out how much water you should use based on actual measurements from your home. This information and more can be found at www.h2ouse.org.

A great way to conserve water in your landscape is to practice the seven principles of xeriscape. Learn what xeriscape is, what it is not, and how you can have a lush, beautiful landscape. Find xeriscape demonstration gardens near you, and other printed resources by visiting www.xeriscape.org.

Looking for the best water efficient appliances available or a certified irrigation professional?

Information on water efficiency, certified appliances and more can be found at www.epa.gov/WaterSense. If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, and are looking for the best landscape contractors, visit the WaterSense Web site or the Irrigation Association's Web site at www.irrigation.org.

The Douglas County Water Resource Authority (DCWRA) was created in 1992 to address Douglas County's long-term water needs. The Authority's 18 members are, collectively and individually, working to meet long-term needs. Visit www.dcwater.org to learn more.

South Metro Water Supply Authority (SMWSA) is the south metro region's leader in water development and distribution. Formed in August 2004, SMWSA is an experienced and knowledgeable regional water entity that plans, develops and sources renewable water for Douglas and Arapahoe Counties. The organization is comprised of 13 individual water providers working collaboratively to foster long-term reliable water supplies through water acquisition and infrastructure. Learn more at www.southmetrowater.org.