



Environmental Education Initiative

This program is offered by the City of Dallas to educate school children on the importance of water conservation and recycling. Hands-on presentations are made at registered schools and curriculum is available for kindergarten through fifth grade students. Interactive modules are brought to middle school students to engage in hands-on learning. A small team of high school students is selected to participate in a research study each summer. These efforts help children understand how vital water is to everything on the planet and why it is so important that this precious resource isn't wasted.

DWU also sponsors art contests for students residing in Dallas. There is a Drinking Water Week Poster contest for elementary students; a T-shirt art contest for middle school students; and a Visual Art contest for high school students. These contests encourage student creativity and promote water conservation in classrooms and the community.

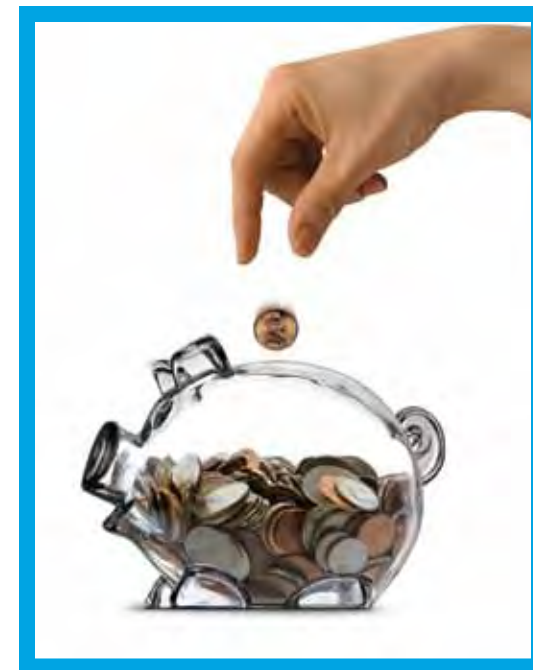


For more information on these programs or to learn other ways to save water, visit SaveDallasWater.com or call the City of Dallas Water Conservation hotline at (214) 670-3155



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FREE Water Conservation Programs

for City of Dallas Water Utilities Customers



City of Dallas Water Utilities wants to help residents conserve water. Saving water also saves money. With that in mind, the following programs have been developed to help Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) customers save this precious natural resource. By using water wisely, we all can reduce overall water usage and extend the life of existing water supplies. Below are brief descriptions of City of Dallas Water Utilities Conservation programs and initiatives.

Rebate and Incentive Programs

New Throne for Your Home

The *New Throne for Your Home* toilet program offers two ways to replace older, less efficient toilets. Qualifying DWU customers can apply for a voucher for a free toilet or purchase a toilet anywhere and apply for a water bill credit up to \$90 per toilet (limit two toilets per household).

Homes built before 1992 have older toilets that may use between 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. New high-efficiency toilets use less than 1.3 gallons per flush—saving more than 60%. These new WaterSense® certified toilets ensure great performance and save water. And those water savings are considerable since toilets produced before 1992 account for the largest indoor use of water in the average American home.



Free Irrigation System Check-ups

DWU customers are also eligible for free automatic sprinkler system check-ups by licensed irrigators. Poor irrigation scheduling (watering too often and at the wrong time of day) can result in significant water waste.

If you have an in-ground sprinkler system, one of these check-ups can save you hundreds of dollars per year on your water bill! Our irrigators can improve the efficiency of your existing sprinkler system by identifying possible system leaks, providing solutions to system problems, diagnosing equipment malfunctions, explaining how to get the most out of your sprinkler system, and suggesting any appropriate equipment upgrades.

Minor Plumbing Repair Program

The Minor Plumbing Repair (MPR) Program offers free assistance with minor (non-emergency) plumbing problems and fixtures that may cause water waste and higher water bills. DWU customers who are homeowners, reside on their property and meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines are eligible for this program.

Education and Outreach Initiatives

Water-Wise Landscaping

City of Dallas Water Utilities cosponsors an annual Water-Wise Landscape Tour (first Saturday in June)—a free self-guided tour of Dallas-area landscapes that showcases landscapes that save water and protect the environment.

Free Water-Wise Landscape seminars are offered every spring and fall that show homeowners how to use native and adapted plants that allow for lush, green, low-maintenance landscapes without big water bills.

A free seminar on lawn care is offered in the winter. “Lawn Care 101” provides the basics of how to have healthy, green turf that is resistant to drought, freezing temperatures, pests and disease. Knowing when to mow, when to water and what to do when problems arise is vital information for everyone who cares for a lawn.

