



## **DALLAS WATER UTILITIES CONSERVATION FACT SHEET**

### **ABOUT US**

City of Dallas Water Utilities strives to raise water conservation awareness and teach the public simple ways to save water. Our objective is to encourage conservation at all levels of our community.

### **GOALS**

- ① Encourage citizens to use water wisely.
- ① Reduce overall water usage.
- ① Extend the life of existing water supplies.
- ① Help Dallas address state-wide legislative mandates.

### **FACTS**

- ① Approximately 50% of our treated water goes directly to landscapes during the summer months.
- ① Toilets account for 30% of indoor water use.
- ① American Water Works Association estimates that replacing old toilets that use 3.5-7 gallons of water per flush (toilets installed prior to 1994) with low-flow toilets can save the typical household 7,900 to 21,700 gallons per year.
- ① The second largest use of water indoors is the clothes washer at approximately 22 percent of total daily usage.

### **Conservation Tips**

- ① Adjust misdirected sprinklers that spray on sidewalks, driveways or streets.
- ① Repair or replace leaky sprinkler heads.
- ① Use proper watering techniques – One inch of water per week is enough to ensure healthy plant growth. Water yards before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Do not water lawns during any form of precipitation.
- ① Use pool covers to reduce evaporation and use proper pool maintenance to detect leaks.
- ① Check all toilets for leaks, replace old toilets with new low-flow toilets, and never use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- ① Wash only full loads in clothes washers and dishwashers.
- ① Replace older washers and dishwashers with more water efficient appliances.