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TO WISE  
CONSERVATION**

## STEP BY STEP WATER CONSERVATION

Fresh water is a precious and valuable resource that should not be wasted. You and your family can do your part to use water wisely by voluntarily reducing your water consumption. Water conservation not only will help save water, it will also help you save money. The less water you use, the less your water bill will be.

The following steps can help you live a more water-wise lifestyle.

### STEP #1 GET THE MOST OUT OF THE RAIN

- Capture rainfall in a barrel or cistern and reuse to water gardens and lawns.
- If it rains an inch or more, wait at least 5 days to water again or use a rain gauge to know when you need to provide additional water.
- Adjust automatic timers and limit unnecessary irrigation when natural rainfall occurs or is predicted.

### STEP #2 INVEST IN AN IRRIGATION WELL

In-ground irrigation and sprinkler systems use thousands of gallons of water every month. The Georgetown County Water and Sewer District recommends installing an on-site irrigation well for watering your lawn and other outside purposes. Not only will you save a bundle on your monthly water and sewer bill, you will also help conserve our precious drinking water supply. Once your well is installed, you can water your yard as much as you want without worrying about excess use charges.

For more information about investing in an on-site irrigation well, call 546-8408.

## STEP #3 BECOME A WATER WISE GARDENER

- Create a garden that includes drought resistance plants that will flourish in hot, dry weather.
- Water your lawn and garden early in the morning or during the cool time of the day to reduce evaporation. Avoid watering on windy days. If your grass springs back when you walk on it, the lawn does not need watering.
- Keep weeds pulled from planting beds because they will compete for water and nutrients.
- Add mulch to retain soil moisture, improve soil quality and promote plant growth.
- Sprinkler and soaker hoses are made for lawn and garden irrigation. A soaker hose is porous, can be buried under mulch and leaks small amounts of water directly to your garden's or flowerbed's roots with little waste. If your sprinkler sprays a fine mist, you're losing a lot of water to evaporation.
- When mowing, raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches high, or to its highest level. Closely cut grass makes the roots work harder, requiring more water.
- Inspect your irrigation system for possible breaks, leaks and faulty sprinkler heads that can waste water.

