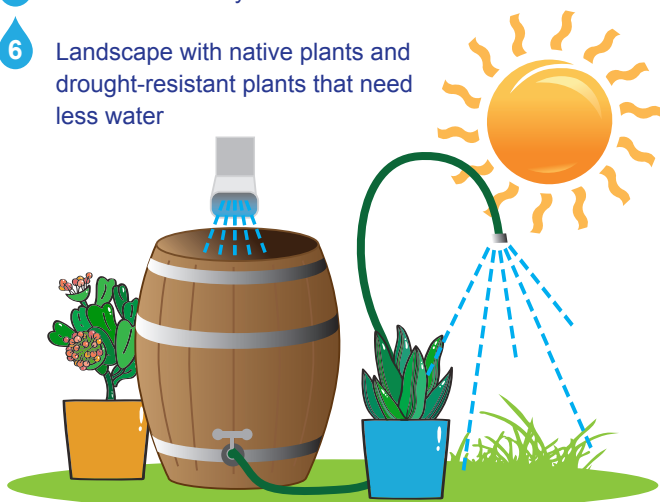


# 10 Ways to Reduce Outdoor Water Use & Save

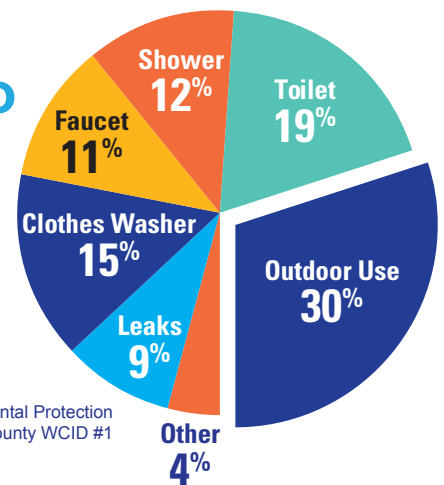
As temperatures climb, so can our outdoor water use – and our water bills.

Did you know that outdoor water use accounts for 30 percent of the average U.S. household's water use? Fortunately, there are some simple things we can do to conserve water.

- 1 Water no more than twice a week
- 2 Use a drip irrigation system or soaker hose for your garden
- 3 Clean paved areas with a broom or rake instead of hosing them down
- 4 Mulch beds with natural mulch to retain moisture and reduce the amount of water plants need
- 5 Use a nozzle on your hose to avoid runoff
- 6 Landscape with native plants and drought-resistant plants that need less water

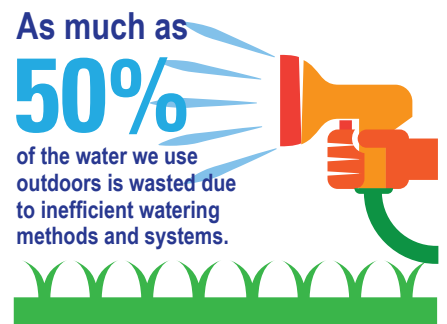


## Where do we use water?



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- 7 Install a rain barrel – or a few – to collect rainwater for your plants
- 8 Control weeds, which steal nutrients and water from your grass and other plants
- 9 Tune up your outdoor sprinkler system. Automatic sprinklers are convenient because you can just set them and forget them. But did you know that as much as 50 percent of the water we use outdoors is wasted by inefficient watering?



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