

Understanding water use and your bill

If your bill seems high, here are some possible causes...



Irrigation / Landscape

This is the most common cause of a higher than average water bill. A broken irrigation line underground can be losing over 300 gallons per hour and you may not see it at the surface. Over-watering is also a common source of high usage



Water Softener /Reverse Osmosis

Water softeners not programmed properly can cycle hundreds of gallons per day through the system. A reverse osmosis system can use up to 5 gallons for every gallon of water it produces.



Leak (toilet, faucets, etc.)

The average leaking toilet can waste up to 6,000 gallons per month. Toilet leaks are often silent and can be intermittent, allowing loss of water to go undetected for long periods of time.



Swimming Pool

An average size swimming pool (400 sq. ft.) uses 16,000 gallons to fill and loses about 25,000 gallons each year due to evaporation and backwashing. Evaporation loss in the summer can be as high as 2,500 gallons a month.

More than 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more each day.

A leak 1/32 of an inch (the thickness of a dime) can lose over 6,500 gallons per month.

Install a smart water controller that is weather based to save on irrigation.

Read your house water meter before and after a two hour period when no water is being used. If it does not read exactly the same you have a leak.

Replace high water use plants and lawns with Xeriscape.

Run the washing machine and dishwasher only when full.

TIPS FOR A LOWER BILL



For more information on conserving water:

http://www.azwater.gov/azdwr/StatewidePlanning/Conservation2/Residential/documents/Conservation_tips.pdf

<http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/fixleak.html>

www.wateruseitwisely.com

Here's how we can help

1 Call 623-349-6121 to speak with someone about conservation. For billing questions please call 623-349-6100.

2 Visit buckeyeaz.gov/water-resources for more information and water saving ideas.