

# This Fall, Make Your Landscape Water Smart

As the temperature rises this summer, so has the community's water use—but there are steps you can take to help conserve Southern Nevada's most vital resource, especially as we look forward to the cooler days and nights of fall.

Through May, Southern Nevada's year-to-date Colorado River consumptive water use was up by 8.9 percent over the same period last year. To help bring those numbers down, consider enrolling in the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program (WSL), which provides qualifying single-family homeowners with cash rebate incentives when they upgrade their grass to desert-adapted landscaping.

Planning ahead now can help you get a leg up on your landscape upgrade when the seasons change this fall. Begin by visiting **snwa.com** and taking advantage of the many resources that can help you get your project underway, including a list of plants and trees suited to our desert environment, sample landscape designs for a variety of lifestyles, and a list of Water Smart Contractors who can make your landscape dreams a reality.

If you're a do-it-yourselfer, you can learn the basics of designing and installing a drip irrigation system by attending free classes online or in person at the Springs Preserve. While you're there, get inspired by the array of water-efficient plants and trees displayed in the Springs Preserve Botanical Garden. Find class schedules and more information at **springspreserve.org**.

As a reminder, the community's mandatory summer watering restrictions are in effect through Aug. 31. During the summer months, sprinkler irrigation is prohibited between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., when water can be lost to intense heat and high winds. Watering during these prohibited hours or allowing water to spray or flow off your property could result in a costly water-waste fine—and nobody wants that.

For more information about the WSL program and to enroll, visit **snwa.com**.

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