Water Audits

One of the most important things that a homeowner can do to save water is make sure that equipment is functioning appropriately and is efficient. The City offers free Water Audits to help citizens find ways to use less water. Water audits are performed during the spring and summer seasons when watering yards begins. Watering your yard is the main way that water is lost either through over watering or inefficient systems. The Water Conversation Specialist can also help someone with understanding water efficient appliances, conservation tools and leak detection, many times over the phone.

What is a Water Audit?

Saving money and saving water is what a water audit is all about. During a visit to your home or business, the City's Water Conservation Specialist, Kevin McCaleb, will assess the water using equipment both inside and outside your home. The Water Conservation Specialist will offer suggestions to help improve the way you manage your water so you can save money and resources.

Though the Water Conservation Specialist won't look specifically for leaks, he can generally detect if a leak exists and often it's most likely location. When finished, he will provide you with a copy of the recommendations to help you begin to make changes. An audit will identify not only the problems, but solutions as well. This service is offered to any Lake Oswego water customer for free.

Water Audit Season Begins on May 13, 2013

Scheduling a Water Audit

Most residents that have had an audit and followed through with some or all of the recommendations are enjoying summertime water savings exceeding 20% an more. Customers that are high water users and whose bill typically are the tier 2 or 3 are strongly encouraged to call an set up an appointment. Customers that have received an audit in previous years will not qualify for another.

If you would like to receive a notice that Water Audits are being scheduled and receive information on any new free conservation item available please sign up for the Conservation e-news subscription at www.ci.oswego.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions. Signing up will help you remember to review and implement conservation measures before the summer months come and water usage increases.

Schedule your Water Audits by calling by calling Kevin McCaleb at 503.675.3747 or email him to set up an appointment.

Water Audits Not Performed During Rainy Months

Water audits are not performed during the rainy months because the majority of water loss and inefficiency can be found from yard watering habits and tools. Water audits will resume in June 2013. The last day for audits was the 15th of October.

During the rainy months,or even when there is periodic rain, customers are urged to discontinue watering as it is not necessary for the health of the yard.

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