

## Water Conservation Program

Water Conservation saves money, preserves wildlife habitat and makes sure there is enough water for all uses. Read on to find out how you can save indoors, outdoors, and all around your home or business.

### Where Does My Water Come From?

The simple answer is the Clackamas River, but many here in town know little about the river or the story behind it. The fact is the Clackamas is more than just a water source, it is also a river with a connection to the people of this region of Oregon that stretches back 10,000 years. It is drinking water for 300,000 people, water to support farms and gardens and life to the salmon, steelhead and lamprey that return every year to spawn.

If you'd like to learn more about this river and its connection to us, click on this [Link](#) to view the film "**The Clackamas River and You.**" It is an entertaining and educational film about the Clackamas River that was written, created and produced locally in partnership between the City of Lake Oswego, The Clackamas River Water Providers and Clackamas River Water. Enjoy.

**Sign up for notification that the Audits are being scheduled, sign up for Conservation, Water Quality & Sustainability Updates and Tips at [www.ci.oswego.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions).**

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### [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...

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The City offers rebates on water conserving models of washing machines and toilets.

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### [Free Items to Help You Conserve Water](#)

The City offers devices and tools that can save you thousands of gallons of water every year. The following devices and tools are available at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor reception desk at City Hall and are free of charge to all Lake Oswego water customers. Come pick yours up today!

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### [Water Leaks](#)

It is possible to detect leaks in your home on your own. Most water leaks can be seen or heard, though some can be difficult to detect.

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## [Water Conservation Tips and Links](#)

With these practical videos you can learn how to program your sprinkler, Watering 101, use a water gauge, get indoor and outdoor Water Conservation tips, take the Bucket Test to determine if your pool has a leak, test you water service, check out landscape ideas that help conserve water, and transform that high-maintenance grass parking strip. Our newest video talks about the...

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## [Weather Stations and Climate Information](#)

Get accurate, up to-the-minute weather and climate information from the five Lake Oswego weather stations. Currently all stations record and display temperature, rainfall, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, dew point, soil moisture content, soil temperature and evapotranspiration (ET<sub>o</sub>).

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### [Kids Corner](#)

Here are great websites that can help kids learn about how water systems work.

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### [Water Management and Conservation Plan](#)

On April 11, 2008, the Oregon Water Resources Department issued a Final Order approving the City of Lake Oswego's first Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP or "Plan"). The purpose of the Plan is to guide the development, financing and implementation of water management and conservation programs and policies to ensure sustainable use, without waste, of publicly...

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### [Water Smart Video Library](#)

Every drop of water counts. On this site you can enjoy a variety of video demonstrations for tips and ideas relating to water conservation.

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