



Town of Erie

2013 Water-Wise Programs

The Center for ReSource Conservation has partnered with the Town of Erie to offer these **FREE** programs!

FREE SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS AUDITS

The Town of Erie has partnered with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide **FREE** sprinkler inspections to residents from June-August. During the inspection you will receive a customized watering schedule, learn do-it yourself sprinkler maintenance and be given tips on how to improve the efficiency of your sprinkler system to save water and money.

Space is limited and appointments will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis. Sign up today to reserve your spot in this popular program!



INDOOR WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Center for ReSource Conservation also offers an indoor water inspection program for Erie residents. The **FREE** indoor water inspection program includes evaluation of inside water use and water fixtures in each home, and an offer to install at least two aerators and one low-flow showerhead. The inside water inspections are available March through May and September through December. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of this **FREE** opportunity! Sign up today!



WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE SEMINAR

April 16, 2013 • 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm • Erie Community Center

The Town of Erie is hosting a Water-Wise Landscaping Seminar presented by The Center for ReSource Conservation. This **FREE** seminar will explore various techniques to use in designing and maintaining your landscape that will promote the conservation of our natural resources. Through a little planning and the use of some innovative methods, you can learn how to use your landscape to help reduce energy and water use. You don't want to miss this! Reserve your spot today!



DON'T MISS THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES SIGN UP TODAY!

**To register for the seminar or schedule an inspection,
please contact Center for Resource Conservation**

303-999-3820 extension 217 or at www.conservationcenter.org.

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Best Practices for Outdoor Water Use

The Town of Erie recommends eight best practices for outdoor water use to help residents and businesses conserve water in our community, especially during dry years.

1. WAIT TO TURN ON SPRINKLERS UNTIL AFTER APRIL 15.

Turf can stay dormant longer than you think and will green-up when you start to irrigate. Hand water trees as needed.

2. TRY TO WATER TWICE A WEEK TO MAKE TURF MORE DROUGHT TOLERANT.

Watering more deeply twice a week and supplementing with rain can make grass roots grow deeper and be more drought-tolerant. If you have a sprinkler system, make sure water gets to the roots by cycling your run times to run each zone for shorter amounts of time of 2-3 hours instead of running each zone once for longer.

3. IF IT RAINS, WATER LESS.

Watch the weather and adjust watering days and times accordingly. If you have a control clock, use rain sensors to shut-off irrigation during rain events.

4. WATER BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 7 A.M.

Watering during the day results in less water reaching your lawn. Water at night and in the early morning to prevent water loss due to evaporation and wind.

5. WATCH FOR IRRIGATION LEAKS.

Watch for broken sprinkler heads or damaged irrigation lines that cause water waste. Repair any leaks quickly.

6. INSTALL LOW-WATER LANDSCAPE WHEN APPROPRIATE.

Avoid installing landscaping during the hottest months, especially during dry years. Look for low-water, drought resistant turf, trees and xeric plants. Check with your water supplier for any additional lawn watering rules.

7. LET GRASS GROW LONGER BEFORE YOU CUT IT.

Raise your lawn mower blade and protect your lawn from heat by letting grass grow longer.

8. WATER PLANTS AND TREES, NOT SIDEWALKS.

Use a broom to sweep driveways and sidewalks. Avoid overspray from sprinklers that cause water to run into the street by making sprinkler adjustments.



For more information on water practices and current restrictions contact the Public Works Department at 303-926-2870 or visit www.erieco.gov/water

