

Cedar River Customers Asked to Voluntarily Reduce Water Use

We have had an unusually dry summer and the forecasts predict a potential delay in the return of sustained fall rains. As a result, we are growing concerned about having sufficient water for both people and fish as we head into fall. We are asking our customers to voluntarily use less water.

We need your help to stretch the region's water supply until we get enough rain this fall to refill the mountain reservoirs sufficiently. Even seemingly small daily actions can add up to make a big impact.

Top ways to reduce your water use

- **Stop watering your lawn for the season.** Water established trees, shrubs, and perennials once a month or less. (It's okay to efficiently water newly planted lawns, young plants and trees, and vegetable gardens).
- **Take shorter or fewer showers** and take showers instead of baths.
- **Fix leaks, especially running toilets.** A running toilet can waste as much water as taking 15 showers per day. If you hear a noise between flushes or have to jiggle the handle to get your toilet to stop running—your toilet is wasting water.
- **Use water wisely:** wait until you have a full load to run your dishwasher or washing machine; if you can, delay washing your car or power washing; turn off the tap when you aren't using it.

[Visit the Saving Water Partnership's website](#) for more information and the full list actions you can take to save water.

Affected utilities and customers

The voluntary call to reduce water use applies to everyone who gets water from the Seattle Regional Water System including Cedar River customers. It covers 1.5 million people and 25 water utilities.

Our Water Supply

Cedar River provides water to our customers from the Tolt and Cedar River Watersheds which are part of the Seattle Regional Water System and managed by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). SPU's water resource experts carefully oversee the region's most precious natural resource, make key operational adjustments in the water system, and balance the needs of people and fish.

[Visit Seattle Public Utilities' blog](#) to keep up with the latest water supply information.