



NORTH KOOTENAI
WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

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Do you want to save money? Here are ways to save money and use less water this summer!

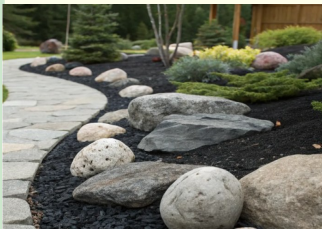
Time to landscape! Temperature and precipitation are changing the snow and rain patterns in our region and the trends are toward hotter and drier conditions. Transforming your landscaping can reflect greatly on your monthly water bill. The majority of domestic water use is attributed to maintaining yards in the summer months.



Do you qualify for a rebate? North Kootenai Water District customers who provide acceptable proof of purchase and installation of Water Sense certified conservation irrigation and household plumbing components can qualify for a one time rebate. Maximum credits of \$700 per residential customer and \$1400 per commercial customer. You can find specific information about the rebates on our website: nkwsd.com. View the **New Customers** or **Existing Customers** tab, **Consumer Information**, and **Conservation Info**. Please contact us if you have any questions at (208)687-6593. (Image provided by Outdoor Watering Nerds website)



While planning or adding to your landscape, consider choosing **drought tolerant** and **native plants** which is one way to reduce outdoor water use and still enjoy a beautiful yard! These owners replaced their lawn, that required water and attention, with a granite walkway and drought-tolerant native plants. Now established, generally these beautiful plants require no water beyond rainfall. (Image provided by United States Environmental Protection Agency)



Mulch acts like a protective cover over your soil that can prevent water from evaporating quickly into the air during summer months. Two inches of mulch can reduce evaporation by 50%. This natural organic barrier can look aesthetically pleasing while reducing the watering needs and your plants can stay hydrated longer while saving you money on water bills. For more information, go to **completegardening.com**. (Image provided by Garden.eco website)



Do you have or plan on installing a garden? Have you considered a drip irrigation system? Drip irrigation systems can eliminate wasted water and are 90% efficient according to the **UC Master Gardener Program** versus sprinklers or hand watering. These systems disperse water at the base of the plants where the water is needed where as sprinklers spray the water that can evaporate at a faster rate. For more information, go to **homesteadandchill.com**. (Image provided by homesteadandchill.com website)



Scan me! Your one stop shop to empower water conservation!

By scanning this QR Code, you can find local additional conservation tips to reduce excess water use in our community plus more ways to save money on your monthly bills this summer!



Backflow Testing

Your annual backflow test is due in the District office by 6/30/2026. Contact a tester now to get on their schedule. Please watch future Newsletters and emails / letters for updates. Backflow testing only applies to those customers with underground sprinkler systems, certain swimming pools, spas, yard fountains, fire sprinkler systems, etc. Your tester will upload the backflow tests to our backflow program. Thank you for your cooperation!