



Green

tips

"We never know the worth of water till the well is dry."
- Thomas Fuller

Mark your calendars!
August is **National Water Quality** Month!

As we enjoy our surrounding lakes and rivers this summer, take time to engage in clean water practices.

People use water for lots of things from watering their dry lawn to washing their clothes. Especially in the summer months of June, July and August, people use lots of water. Here are some tips to conserve water in and around the home.

Water Conservation Tips

As a community, we share our water resources with each other. Be mindful of your own water consumption, and that of your fellow neighbors.



- **Water when it's cooler** (early morning, later at night). Up to 30% of water can be lost if you water at midday.
- Install a rain sensor on your irrigation controller so that you aren't watering your lawn while it's raining.
- Don't let the hose run. Use a hose nozzle.
- Use **rain barrels** to collect rain runoff from roof (saves about 1300 gal/month for homeowners during peak summer months).
- Take **showers, not baths**. Baths use about 70 gallons of water while a 5 minute shower uses between 10 and 25 gallons of water.
- Check toilets, pipes, and faucets for leaks. Fix promptly.
- Use a broom to clean sidewalk, driveway, and patio – not water.
- About 22% of indoor water usage comes from doing **laundry**. To cut down on water consumption, use efficient appliances, and make sure you are doing full laundry loads.
- Don't leave the water running. If you do, use that extra water for something else.



For more conservation tips, check out the City's webpage [here](#).

Water Treatment Plant Updates

The City of Eau Claire's Utility Division is in the process of designing the reconstruction our **Rapid Sand Filters** at the Water Plant. The current filters are 62 years old, and contain the original underdrains and media from 1953. Once completed, the plant will be able to pump **24-30 million gallons per day**, and meet the demands for the next 30 years.

World Water Week


The 25th annual World Water Week will take place from August 23-28 in Stockholm, Sweden.



World Water Week is the annual focal point for the Earth's water issues. Each year, experts, decision-makers, business innovators, and professionals come together to network, exchange ideas, and generate solutions to the water challenges of the modern world. This year's theme is **Water for Development**. Find out more at the [website](#) here.

Did you know...

Less than 1% of the world's fresh water is accessible for direct human uses. The rest can be found in icecaps, deep underground, or in soil moisture.

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