



RESIDENTIAL WATER EFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT



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efficiency information!

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Fulton County Public Works is committed to helping our customers conserve water and lower their bills by reducing water use around the home. To get started, please answer the questions in this assessment. Our team will review your answers and provide recommendations on how you can improve your household's water efficiency.

WATERING SCHEDULE:

All Georgians must follow the state's year-round watering schedule, which allows daily watering but prohibits outdoor watering between the hours of 10am and 4pm. During times of drought, other restrictions may be put in place as well. To find out about any current restrictions, please contact your water provider.

OUTDOOR WATER USE QUESTIONS:

1. Do you use a hose to water a lawn, garden, or flower bed? Y N
2. Do you use a hose to clean your driveway, patio, or sidewalk? Y N
3. Do you wash your car at home with a hose? Y N
4. Does your hose have a nozzle with an automatic shutoff? Y N
5. Do you have an automated irrigation system? Y N
6. How often does the irrigation system water?

7. What time(s) of day does your irrigation system run?

8. How many minutes does it water each zone?

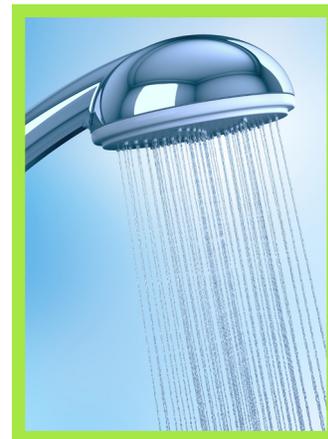
9. When was the last time your irrigation system was audited by yourself or a licensed professional (checked for underground leaks, broken or misdirected heads, overspray, etc)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____



INDOOR WATER USE QUESTIONS

1. What year was your home built?

2. How many people live in your home?

3. How long is the average shower in your household?

4. When were your toilets installed?

5. Do the toilets have a gpf (gallons per flush) rating stamped on the bowl where the seat is attached? If so, what is the number?

Toilet	GPF
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

6. Have you dye tested your toilets recently to check for leaks? Y N
7. Do you let the bathroom faucet run while you:
 - a. brush teeth Y N
 - b. wash face Y N
 - c. shave Y N
8. If your shower head has a gpf rating listed on it, what is the number? If not, what is the approximate age of the shower head?

Shower	GPF	Age
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

9. Do you mostly wash dishes by hand or with a dishwasher?

10. Do you let the kitchen faucet run while you wash dishes? Y N
11. Do any of your faucets drip when they are turned off all the way? Y N
12. How old is your dishwasher? Is it Energy Star labeled?

13. How many loads of laundry do you wash in an average week? _____
14. How many of those loads are full loads? _____
15. How old is your washing machine?

16. Is it top loading or front loading?

17. Is it Energy Star labeled? Y N
18. When was the last time you replaced the aerators on your bathroom faucets?

Please return this survey, along with a copy of your most recent water bill, via email or mail, listed below:

PW.CustomerService@fultoncountyga.gov

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CONSERVATION TIPS

Replace old fixtures (toilets, faucets, shower heads): Save water and money by installing high efficiency shower heads, toilets and kitchen/bathroom faucet aerators. Look for the EPA WaterSense label when installing or replacing plumbing fixtures. WaterSense labeled fixtures are tested and certified to perform as well or better than their less efficient counterparts and on average are 20 percent more water efficient.



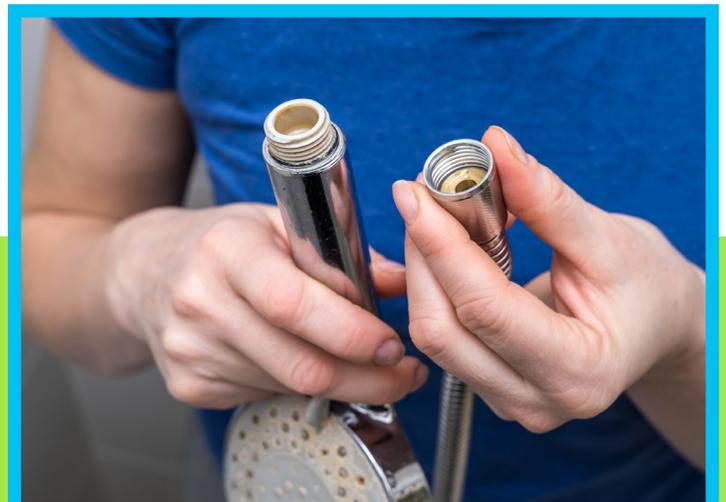
Check for leaks: Lower your water bill and help conserve water by finding and fixing common household leaks:

- Take a look at the consumption table on your bill and check for spikes - is your water use a lot higher this month than it was last month?
- Check your water meter during a time when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same after two hours, you probably have a leak.
- Listen and look for drips coming from your faucets and shower heads and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary. Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around the joints and edges.
- Listen for running water in your toilet and conduct a dye or food coloring test. Simply take the top off of your toilet tank and add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank. Do not flush the toilet for 15 minutes. If the coloring appears in the bowl, the toilet has a leak that most likely can be fixed by replacing the flapper or rubber washer. Cheap fix, huge savings!



Control your irrigation controller:

- **Inspect:** Conduct a visual inspection by turning the irrigation system on to each zone and look for broken or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- **Connect:** Check connections and joints between sprinklers and piping. Wet or soft spots in your lawn may indicate an underground leak.
- **Direct:** Make sure to aim sprinkler heads toward your landscape and not the sidewalk. Check to make sure the irrigation heads are not blocked by grass or shrubs.
- **Select:** Selecting a new controller? Invest in an EPA WaterSense labeled smart irrigation controller.
- **Don't set and forget:** Adjust your controller schedule with the seasons as needed and don't water when it rains. Make sure you have a rain shutoff sensor installed and that it functions correctly.



Fulton County thanks you for your commitment to water efficiency. Our team will review your assessment and reach out to you with recommendations. Questions? Contact us by email at PW.CustomerService@fultoncountyga.gov or by phone at (404) 612-7400