



Save Water with Your Pool This Summer

- **Using a pool cover** can reduce water evaporation by 30-50%.

Pools can lose about 1-3 inches of water per week in the summer time.

- **Do not overfill your pool.** This helps to keep water from being splashed out of the pool when it's being used.
- **Backwash pool filters only when necessary** and reuse water when appropriate for landscape watering.
- **Check the pool pump.** Water should not leak from the pool pump. Replace seals and rings when required.
- **Check the pool auto-fill.** Make sure that the auto-fill is shutting down all the way. This can be similar to a leaky toilet and although the water may not flow enough to overflow the pool, you will definitely see it on your bill.

Pima County Sewer Rate Annual Recalculations

Your sewer rates are based on your average water use in the months of December, January, and February and are reflected in the August water bills. Reseeding for winter lawns and filling pools in these months increases your overall water use and ultimately your sewer rates. Let your lawn go dormant in the winter and only fill pools when it's necessary. For questions regarding the sewer portion of your water bill please contact Pima County Waste Water Reclamation Department 520-724-6609.

For questions regarding water conservation please contact Karn Boyce, Water Conservation Specialist at 229-5024.

Using Water Indoors, It All Adds Up!

Save Water in the kitchen

- Don't let the water run! Washing dishes with the faucet running can take 25 gallons of water.
- Consider installing an instant water heater under your kitchen sink.
- Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator or microwave instead of setting it under running water.
- Soak pots and pans rather than scrubbing them under running water.
- Use low flow faucets and aerators. These low flow devices are available to Oro Valley Water Utility customers in the Water Utility office located at 11000 N. La Cañada Drive, Oro Valley.
- Garbage disposals use a large amount of running water to work effectively. Kitchen waste can be taken out with the garbage or added to the compost pile when appropriate.



Don't forget the bathroom

- Toilets are the leading cause of household water leaks. It's always a good idea to test for toilet leaks periodically even if you don't "hear" the leak. Dye placed in the tank of the toilet will color the water in the bowl if the flapper is leaking. Dye strips are free of charge in the Water Utility office.
- Using an in-tank toilet cleaner that contains bleach can be caustic to the flapper and may cause it to deteriorate prematurely.

Check for leaks!

If you see your water use increase or suspect you have a water leak, make your water meter your first stop. Learn how to read your meter and check for leaks on our website at: www.orovalleyaz.gov/town/departments/water-utility