



Cooler Temperatures Help Lower Outdoor Water Use

Temperatures may still feel hot right now but fall is fast approaching. Don't miss out on big savings this season. Plants need to be watered much less frequently when the temperatures cool down. Trees and shrubs are not growing



as actively as they did when leaves and flowers were forming. However, always water an appropriate length of time for the size of the root

system. Save on your sewer rate as well. [Pima County Regional Wastewater](#) calculates your sewer rate based on your water use for the months of December, January and February. Reducing your overall water use during these months means you'll save on sewer fees. For questions regarding sewer rates please contact Pima County Wastewater at (520) 724-6609.

Good Time to Cover Those Pipes

Hard freezes are not common in Oro Valley but they do happen and covering exposed pipes and hose bibs can help protect from the costly damage of a burst pipe. Take preventative measures now while the weather is still nice.



Did You Know?

Not all plants are not suitable for graywater application. Consider using graywater to water trees such as mesquite, palo verde, cypress, olive, and juniper. It also may work on oleander, rosemary, and hopseed bush. Avoid using graywater which is typically alkaline on acid-loving plants like azaleas, gardenias, and hibiscus. For this information and more, visit [Water Conservation Alliance of Southern Arizona](#) or pick up a copy of *Graywater Guidelines*

available to our customers at the Oro Valley Water Utility office at 11000 N. La Cañada Drive, Oro Valley, AZ.

Additional Water Quality Monitoring in 2015 The Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3)



The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) require that once every five years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues a new list of no more than 30 unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems (PWS's). This is in addition to the approximately 113 contaminants that Oro Valley Water Utility, as a public water system, currently monitors and samples. The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) provides EPA and other interested parties with scientifically valid data on the occurrence of contaminants in drinking water. The EPA can assess the number of people potentially being exposed and provide an estimate of the levels of that exposure. These data serve as a primary source of occurrence and exposure information that the agency uses to develop regulatory decisions. Assessment monitoring includes all public water systems serving more than 10,000 people and 800 representative systems serving 10,000 or fewer people. These systems will monitor for 21 chemicals during a 12-month period. The Oro Valley Water Utility completed this required monitoring in 2015. The water samples are currently being analyzed by Eurofins-Eaton Analytical laboratory in South Bend, Indiana. Oro Valley Water Utility will provide the water quality monitoring data to its customers in our annual Consumer Confidence Report. This report includes both regulated and unregulated contaminants detected in 2015. The report will be sent by mail and also available on the Utility's web site by June of 2016.