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# Greater Augusta Utility District





THE GREATER AUGUSTA
UTILITY DISTRICT
2024 DRINKING WATER
QUALITY REPORT IS
NOW AVAILABLE AT
THIS QR CODE:



#### Or visit www.GAUD.ws/2024\_CCR

This annual report provides information about the sources and quality testing results of your drinking water.

As in previous years, all potential contaminants are well within state and federal safety guidelines.



## SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.

### 29 BILLION GALLONS

of daily household water use across the U.S.

### 9 BILLION GALLONS

come from daily residential outdoor water use, mainly for landscape irrigation.



Water use spikes in the summer!

Depending on the region, homeowners use **30-60%** of their water outdoors.

**50%** of that is wasted, in part, due to overwatering.

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.





Average family's water use:

**320 GALLONS PER DAY** 



During the summer, can be up to

1,000 GALLONS PER DAY

### SIMPLE THINGS WE CAN ALL DO

### STEP ON IT

Step on the lawn, if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.

### **LEAVE IT LONG**

Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

#### TAKE A SPRINKLER BREAK

Grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.

### TUNE UP YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Inspect, fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Make sure you're watering your lawn and not the sidewalk or driveway.

Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation.

If your system uses a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller that acts like a thermostat for your lawn, using local weather data to determine when and how much water.



