

OUTDOOR WATER SMART HOME AUDIT

How do you use water?	Not very Water Smart	Moderately Water Smart	Water Smart	Water Smart Suggestions
How much of your landscape requires regular watering?	More than 75% 0 points	Between 25 and 75% 2 points	Less than 25% 6 points	Reduce the amount of landscape that requires regular watering
Do you use mulch on your landscape beds?	No 0 points	Sometimes 2 points	Regularly 4 points	Mulch around plants to reduce water use
How do you water your landscape?	Poorly controlled automatic sprinkler system 0 points	Automatic sprinkler with careful water use 3 points	By hand or with timer or carefully maintained automatic system 6 points	Only provide as much water as your landscape needs, use moisture meters
What time of day do you water?	Always during the day 0 points	Sometimes during the day Sometimes during the morning or evening 1 point	In the early morning and evening only 2 points	Water your landscape in the cooler parts of the day to reduce water lost by evaporation
Do you have a swimming pool?	Yes, with no cover 0 points	Yes, with a regularly used pool cover 1 point	No 2 points	Swimming pools use a lot of water, use a pool cover to reduce evaporation
How do you wash your car?	Frequently, in the street or driveway with a hose 0 points	Frequently, on a pervious surface with a bucket and controllable hose head 1 point	Rarely, at a carwash that recycles water or on a pervious surface with a bucket 2 points	Wash your car less frequently and use a car wash- typically they recycle the water
How do you clean your driveway and footpaths?	With a hose, pushing it into the street and drains 0 points	With a blower, blowing into the street and drains 1 points	With a broom or rake 3 points	Use a broom to clean driveways and don't sweep into the gutter or storm drain
How do you fertilize your lawn?	Frequently and using large quantities of fertilizer 0 points	Using only as much fertilizer as needed and carefully monitoring 1 point	I don't need to use fertilizer on my landscape 3 points	Fertilizers are high in nutrients which impair water quality in creeks and streams
How do you manage pests and diseases in your garden?	Using chemicals regularly and in any weather 0 points	Using chemicals sparingly, according to directions, never applying in rain 1 point	Using non-chemical control methods like pest traps 3 points	Chemicals should be used sparingly and never be applied in wind and rain

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Does your car leak oil or radiator fluid? Do you pick up pet waste?	Yes or don't know 0 points Never 0 points	Rarely 1 point Sometimes 0 points	Never, I keep it serviced 4 points Always or not applicable 2 points	Check your car for leaks and keep it well serviced Pick up pet droppings with a plastic bag or 'pooper scooper' so they don't contaminate runoff
When painting, plastering or cleaning, do you allow wastewater or products to go down the stormwater drain?	Always 0 points	Sometimes 0 points	Never 3 points	Don't pour wastewater, paint or anything else down the stormwater drain.
When building or landscaping, do you contain sand and other materials so they do not wash into storm drain?	Never 0 points	Sometimes 0 points	Always 3 points	Keep sand, soil and other materials well away from storm drains.
YOUR TOTAL				/43 points

0-15 points- Not very Outdoor Water Smart (yet!)
15-30 points- Somewhat Outdoor Water Smart (a good start!)
30-43 points- Water Smart! Keep up the great work!

