



## City of Kirkland

# TOP TIPS for WATER CURTAILMENT VOLUNTARY STAGE

(Stage 2)

### Tips for All Customers- Outdoors

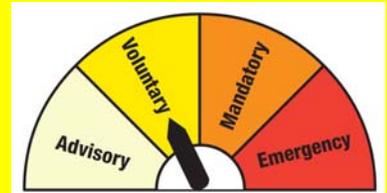
- Let your lawn go dormant and limit plant watering to twice a week.
- Do only essential pressure washing (prepping before house painting).
- Minimize refilling swimming pools and hot tubs.
- Turn off water features.
- Fall is the best time for planting.
- Water plants before 8am or after 7pm.
- Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation.
- Put 2 inches of mulch on planting beds and around trees.
- Tune up automatic irrigation systems.
- Use weather-based controllers on automatic irrigation systems.
- Water young trees efficiently using a water bag.
- Never leave a hose running; always use a shut-off nozzle.
- Check for and fix leaks.
- Wash your vehicle(s) at locations that recycle the water.
- Minimize washing of fleet vehicles.
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways, and patios.
- Use covers on swimming pools and hot tubs when not in use.

### Tips for Residential Customers - Indoors

- Reduce your showering time.
- Check for and fix leaks, including checking your toilets for silent leaks.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Minimize garbage disposal use.
- Don't pre-rinse dishes.
- If purchasing fixtures/equipment, choose water-efficient models.

### Tips for Businesses - Indoors

- Encourage reduced showering times at your facilities.
- Serve water only on request.
- Check for and fix leaks, including checking your toilets for silent leaks.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator.
- Provide new towels only on request.
- Check cooling towers for overflow and excessive blowdown.
- Turn off water-using equipment when not in use.
- Increase employee awareness about using water wisely.
- If purchasing fixtures/equipment, choose water-efficient models.
- Reuse industrial and manufacturing process water.



**Stages of Water Shortage  
Contingency Plan**

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**NOTE: Not all Kirkland residents, businesses and other users are served by the City of Kirkland but are served by the Northshore Utility District ([www.nud.net](http://www.nud.net)) or Woodinville Water District ([www.woodinvillewater.com](http://www.woodinvillewater.com)).**