

Water Management and Conservation Planning Resources

The following is a compilation of links that provide access to helpful information, resources and tools related to water conservation and water management in the state of Oregon. The information covers a broad range of topics and guidance that can be implemented by water users of all shapes and sizes.

The Oregon Water Resources Department website provides:

- Information describing a variety of different ways that residential, municipal, agricultural, commercial and industrial water users can conserve and use water more efficiently, as well as providing a discussion on ways municipalities can prepare for and manage their water supply during times of drought. http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/Water_Conservation.shtml
- Information and guidance to help municipal and agricultural suppliers navigate the process for preparing water management and conservation plans that meet the rule requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 86. http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/mgmt.shtml#Water_Conservation
- A free download of the Agricultural Water Management and Conservation Planning guidebook for Oregon's irrigation districts and other agricultural water suppliers. http://www1.wrd.state.or.us/pdfs/Ag_WMCP_Guide.pdf
- Free downloads of pictorial plant guides featuring water efficient plants specific to the Central and Eastern Oregon climates and to the Willamette Valley climate, as well as a comprehensive guide to landscaping in the Sierra Nevada climate. This link also provides information on rainwater catchment and a link to the Water Management and Conservation Plan guidebook for municipal water suppliers in Oregon. <http://www1.wrd.state.or.us/files/uploads/Water%20Conservation%20Guides/>

The League of Oregon Cities website offers:

- A free download of the Water Management and Conservation Plan guidebook for municipal water suppliers in Oregon. <http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Premium/wmcpguidebook.pdf>
- Downloads, links and publications to other information specific to municipalities, including a water rate survey, ways to engage and educate youth, and the Endangered Species Act. <http://www.orcities.org/Publications/SpecialPublications/tabid/1086/Default.aspx>

Several water providers and organizations around the state maintain websites that provide a multitude of ways to conserve water, both indoors and outdoors, and some even include creative ways to educate and involve kids. The websites also offer access to customer rebates, for such things as installing water efficient toilets, and provide details on how customers can receive free water audits. The following links are great examples of how some entities are educating the public about the importance of water conservation and providing them with simple ways to save water:

- The City of Bend website: http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/public_works/_water/index.html
- The Medford Water Commission website: <http://www.medfordwater.org>
- The Regional Water Providers Consortium website: <http://www.conserveh2o.org/>