



## May Water-Wise Tip



### Take advantage of our FREE Sprinkler Checkup Program!

Checkups are performed during the summer months and consist of the inspection of your current system, including design elements, hardware selection, functionality of components, distribution uniformity, and scheduling. This is a comprehensive, onsite assessment of the design, operation and management of your irrigation system.

After the checkup, you will receive a complete report including all checkup findings and recommendations. You'll learn how you can save water and money, while still maintaining a healthy and attractive landscape. Call 541-774-2436 to schedule.

## We're here for you:

### Contact us:

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## BULK WATER PROJECT TO MODERNIZE AND PROVIDE EFFICIENCY

In order to better serve those in need of bulk water, reduce wait times, and comply with

Oregon State Legislature House Bill 4061, Medford Water is modernizing our bulk water station located at 821 N. Columbus Avenue. The facility will be upgraded from coin-based operation to a web-based system that utilizes a keypad, PIN number, and online prepaid account.

Once the project is complete, customers will need to set up an online account, add funds to the

### What is House Bill 4061?

HB4061 requires water suppliers to maintain certain records of water purchased at facilities such as this one.

account, and bring their own 2" female camlock connector and hose to access water at the facility.

In addition to these changes, a maximum weekly and monthly limit will make obtaining bulk water more efficient for smaller-quantity users. Water in larger volumes will remain available at the Jackson County station in White City.

For more information on the project, changes involved, and new requirements, go to: [medfordwater.org/bulkwaterproject](http://medfordwater.org/bulkwaterproject) or scan the QR code at right.



## TRAIN YOUR LANDSCAPE TO BE WATER-WISE

*Did you know that in Medford about 50 percent of our total water usage is used on our lawns and gardens? That's a lot of water!*

Medford Water believes that conservation plays an important role in water resource management and offers a variety of resources to help you meet your water conservation goals and save money as well. There are ways you can improve the efficiency of your landscape watering by completing a few simple tasks in the spring before the heat of the summer sets in.

Consider training your landscape to use less water. Watering your landscape less frequently but for longer durations extends roots deeper into the soil profile.

Plants will be healthier, need less water, and will withstand more stress if roots are encouraged to grow deep. Excess watering can cause plants to develop shallow roots that are easily stressed by dry conditions and are more prone to disease. Avoid watering every day, especially in the spring and early summer.

To promote a drought-tolerant landscape with a healthy root system, consider the following practices:

- Avoid watering too early in the season; watering in addition to the spring rain can "spoil" your landscape and your lawn will learn to expect excess water going into

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# WATER FOR THE NEXT CENTURY

As the Rogue Valley's trusted municipal water provider for the last century, Medford Water is working to ensure we can provide water for the next century as well.

Accomplishing this is tied to the implementation of our 10-year Capital Plan, which serves as a roadmap for the renewal, replacement, and expansion of facilities needed to serve our customers, as well as the financial planning of these projects.

We applied for and have obtained Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding; this competitive federal program provides low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant infrastructure projects. This funding strategy allows our customers to benefit not only from the investment in our water system infrastructure, but also from significant cost savings.

Stay tuned for an announcement on this unique opportunity for our organization and the citizens we serve in the Rogue Valley.



# TRAIN YOUR LANDSCAPE, CONT'D.

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the summer. Pay attention to the weather and don't water if there is rain in the forecast.

- Use the sample lawn watering schedule provided on our website as a tool to promote better watering habits. You can also call our Lawn Watering Infoline at 541-774-2460 for weekly watering information.
- If you are unsure whether your landscape needs water, check the soil moisture by using a moisture meter. You may find that there is still sufficient moisture left over from previous waterings or rain events.
- Add mulch to your garden beds to lock in moisture and minimize evaporation. Looking for ways to also be firewise? Consider using a fine mulch instead of large bark material in the landscape.
- Water late at night or early in the morning to reduce evaporation.

- Mow your lawn at the highest recommended height for your grass to encourage deep root growth.

Check out our Water Wise Gardening website for more ideas on how to create a landscape that is healthy, attractive and uses less water. Visit the site at [medford.watersmartgardening.com](http://medford.watersmartgardening.com). For more information on our conservation programs, please call 541-774-2436.

*Go to [medford.watersmartgardening.com](http://medford.watersmartgardening.com) for landscape recommendations customized for our region and climate!*



## Consumer Confidence Report Available July 1

***Did you know? Medford Water publishes an annual Consumer Confidence Report that includes water testing results?***

The report includes water testing results for the year 2021 and information explaining what the results mean. It focuses on and provides additional details about compliance with

regulations; it does not include data on all of the parameters tested (for a comprehensive listing of results, see our 2021 Water Quality Analyses on the Water Quality page of our website).

The Consumer Confidence Report will be available by July 1.

To view the report, go to <https://www.medfordwater.org/consumerconfidencereport.pdf>.

### Medford Water

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