

# Water Conservation August 2018

Most of Oregon including Silverton is experiencing severe drought conditions. The City's primary water source is Abiqua Creek which is now flowing at 12.4 cubic feet per second (cfs). Silver Water customers are currently using about 3.5 cfs, or 28% of the stream flow. Silverton has the most senior water rights on Abiqua Creek. We are now in a voluntary water curtailment mode.

## What is the City doing to help?

- City Parks shall operate their irrigation systems to achieve maximum efficiency based upon data received from their on-site weather station.
- Hydrant and water line flushing shall be limited to essential needs.
- Silverton Reservoir operated in the water conservation mode.
- Treated effluent water is used to irrigate the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## What can I do to help?

- Voluntary restricted lawn watering and other nonessential water uses. Schedule is based on odd/even address numbers for residential and business customers. Addresses ending in even numbers (e.g. 200, 202, 204) will water on even numbered days (e.g. July 2, 4, 6). Addresses ending in odd numbers (e.g. 201, 203, 205) will water on odd numbered days (e.g. July 1, 3, 5).
- Restrict watering to early morning and evening hours to avoid loss through evaporation (i.e. dusk to dawn).
- Check irrigation systems are adjusted properly and not resulting in water runoff or overspray onto sidewalks and streets.
- Repair dripping faucets.
- Inspect for indoor leaks beneath sinks dishwashers, and in the tub/shower.
- Only run full loads in the clothes washer.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (503) 873-8679 or visit the City's website at [www.silverton.or.us/conservation](http://www.silverton.or.us/conservation) for the Water Conservation page.

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