

Water Audit Season Begins Monday, May 15, 2017



One of the most important things that a homeowner can do to save water is make sure that equipment is functioning appropriately and is efficient. The City offers free Water Audits to help citizens find ways to use less water. Water audits are performed during the spring and summer seasons when watering yards begins. Watering your yard is the main way that water is lost either through over watering or inefficient systems. The Water Conversation Specialist can also help someone with understanding water efficient appliances, conservation tools and leak detection, many times over the phone.

Scheduling a Water Audit

Stay connected, water audits will start back up Spring 2017.

We have had a different than normal spring this year. Lots of rain, some flooding, some landslides and some really saturated landscapes. The snow pack looks great which means we have a better than even chance of having a good summer this year. At present, there is a tremendous amount of moisture in the soil and the extended forecast is predicting even more over the next month. Using this time to get your sprinklers up and running, your backflow preventer tested and getting your yard ready for the season is great..... just don't run the sprinklers yet. Save yourself a buck or two and wait until Mother Nature extracts a bit of that moisture for us as we move into summer. **We will begin scheduling free audits on May 15th this year.** This is one of the best ways to get your watering issues under control before the big dry spell in July and August.

Most residents that have had an audit and followed through with some or all of the recommendations are enjoying summertime water savings exceeding 20% an more. Customers that are high water users and whose bill typically are the tier 2 or 3 are strongly encouraged to call an set up an appointment. Customers that have received an audit in previous years will not qualify for another.

If you would like to receive a notice that Water Audits are being scheduled and receive information on any new free conservation item available please sign up for the Conservation e-news subscription at www.ci.oswego.or.us/newsletter/subscriptions . Signing up will help you remember to review and implement conservation measures before the summer months arrive and water usage increases.

Schedule your Water Audits by calling Kevin McCaleb at 503.675.3747 or [email](#) him to set up an appointment.

What is a Water Audit?

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Saving money and saving water is what a water audit is all about. During a visit to your home or business, the City's Water Conservation Specialist, Kevin McCaleb, will assess the water using equipment both inside and outside your home. The Water Conservation Specialist will offer suggestions to help improve the way you manage your water so you can save money and resources.

Though the Water Conservation Specialist won't look specifically for leaks, he can generally detect if a leak exists and often it's most likely location. When finished, he will provide you with a copy of the recommendations to help you begin to make changes. An audit will identify not only the problems, but solutions as well. This service is offered to any Lake Oswego water customer for free.

Water Audits Not Performed During Rainy Months

Water audits are not performed during the rainy months because the majority of water loss and inefficiency can be found from yard watering habits and tools.

During the rainy months, or even when there is periodic rain, customers are urged to discontinue watering as it is not necessary for the health of the yard.

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