

## Landscape Water Audits

The Clackamas River Water Providers are offering free landscape water audits to the following member's service areas; City of Estacada, Sunrise Water Authority (City of Happy Valley and Damascus), Clackamas River Water District, City of Gladstone, Oak Lodge Water Services, and South Fork Water Board (Oregon City and West Linn).

Water use in our communities more than doubles during the summer months due to outdoor watering. Higher than normal outdoor water use is often the sign of inefficient water management and/or an irrigation system that needs repair and scheduling adjustments. A landscape water audit is a way to get your irrigation system and landscape on track and running right.

Managing outside water use and leaving water in the Clackamas River is what a landscape water audit is all about. Our landscape auditor will assess your lawn and garden areas, irrigation system and more. Residential landscape water audits often include but are not limited to;

- A walk through your yard and gardens including all lawn area.
- Making note of existing soil types, plant material, naturally available water, and sun exposure.
- Locating the water meter, noting any existing leaks from the meter throughout the irrigation system.
- Locating the irrigation controller, making note of the make/model as well as the current schedule, each zone will be ran separately, recording gallons per minute used for each zone.

When the audit is complete you will receive a detailed report with recommendations such as controller schedule adjustments for better water management, irrigation head adjustments/replacements if necessary, maintenance of existing plant material for more efficient watering (i.e.... right plant right place), soil amendments to reduce weeds and promote soil moisture, and reduce use of fertilizers giving you the tools you need to better manage your outdoor water use.

These free landscape water audits are available during the spring and summer months only (during the watering season). The audits are available on a first come first serve basis and audits are approximately 1.5 hours. Please be available to do the walk through with the auditor. Audits will continue through the summer season or until program funds are depleted.

To schedule your free landscape water audit contact Christine at [chrisitne@clackamasproviders.org](mailto:chrisitne@clackamasproviders.org) or call

**503-723-3511**. For more information about our free landscape water audits, managing outdoor water use during the summer months, and other Clackamas River Water Provider programs visit our website at: [www.clackamasproviders.org](http://www.clackamasproviders.org)