



FISH ON THE RUN 2021 News

Fish on the Run, Irrigation Done!

Currently we are experiencing a significantly dry summer and our area is classified as being in severe drought conditions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The current conditions highlight the need for increased efficiency in water use, which lowers consumption and conserves our available water resources the Clackamas River.

For the 3rd year, we are asking our customers to participate in our “*Fish On the Run, Irrigation Done!*” annual summer watering campaign. This helps the River by reducing or shutting-off outdoor watering by the beginning of September for the fall Coho and Chinook fish migration.

Through this campaign we hope to provide you with the tools and resources you need to make water use reductions in your yard and garden. By visiting the [campaign page](#) on our website, you will find information on:

- Water Conservation Rebates
- Free Landscape Water Audits
- “Fish on the Run, Irrigation Done!” Pledge
- Listen to our Audio Tips by renowned storyteller Will Hornyak
- Check out our library of conservation articles and technical information
- Find out how to sign-up for the “Weekly Watering Number”

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You can also find out more information about salmon species who share the River, as well as find out how our new Water Conservation Meter works.

Whether you use a hose or have an underground watering system to water your yard and garden, and care about protecting our river water for people and wildlife, here's your chance to be part of our annual “*Fish On the Run, Irrigation Done!*” campaign. The more water we can conserve the easier this journey will be for these threatened and endangered salmon species.

For more information contact Christine Hollenbeck at (503) 723-3511 or via email at christine@clackamasproviders.org.

Water Conservation Meter

To help encourage our customers to do their best in conserving their drinking water we have developed a water conservation meter which will be evaluated weekly, and notifies us of the severity of the river conditions and how much we should be conserving.

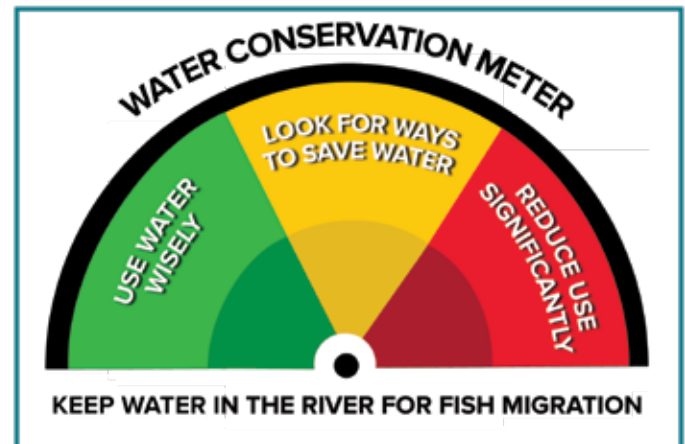
Currently, our conservation meter is RED telling us the river levels are low and we all need to "Significantly reduce or turn off outdoor watering and reduce all other water use".

The forecast for the next week is dry and warm with little signs of rain, so until we get fall rains to help replenish the river, we all need to look at how to reduce our outdoor and indoor water use. This helps keep water in the river for the Coho and Fall Chinook species as they start making their way up the Clackamas River to their spawning grounds.

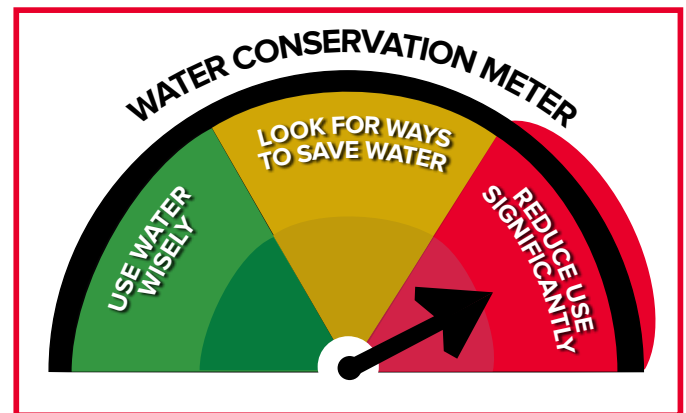
Visit our campaign [webpage](#) to find tools and resources to assist you in making water use reductions and eliminations inside your home and in your yard and garden.

RED TIPS:

- Shut down all outdoor watering, spot water when needed
- Take your car to a commercial carwash which recycles the water
- Shut off all outdoor water features
- Do not allow water to run off driveways, sidewalks, or down the street

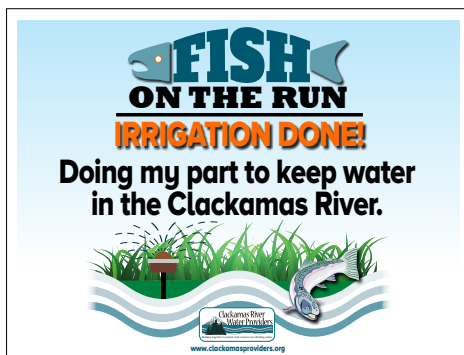


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Take the Pledge

DO YOUR PART



Take part in our "Fish on the Run, Irrigation Done!" pledge; and get a FREE yard sign letting neighbors know you are doing your part to keep water in the Clackamas River for fish.

I PLEDGE TO DO MY PART:

- Use the "Weekly Watering Number" to make sure my lawn and yard are getting the right amount of water but no more
- Let my lawn go dormant during the summer, which saves water reduces run-off and requires less mowing
- Take my car to a carwash that recycles and reuses the water
- Only water outside before 8am and after 8pm
- Make sure I stop outdoor watering by mid-September

Visit our [website](#) to take the pledge and receive your free yard sign.



Ways to Help You Conserve

The Clackamas River Water Providers offer conservation rebates and free landscape water audits to the following member's service areas: City of Estacada, Clackamas River Water, Sunrise Water Authority (City of Happy Valley and Damascus), City of Gladstone, Oak Lodge Water Services, and South Fork Water Board (Oregon City and West Linn). For more information on how to participate in these programs contact Christine at christine@clackamasproviders.org, call **503 723 3511**, or visit our website at www.clackamasproviders.org

CONSERVATION REBATES

We offer six water use rebates worth up to \$485 in combined value. This includes a number of ways to save water outdoors:

- A rebate for up to \$100 for an EPA WaterSense Labeled Irrigation Controller, [go here](#) for a list of qualifying Water Sense labeled controllers
- Up to \$60 (or 20 nozzles at \$3 dollars each) if you change your old irrigation spray nozzles to new more water efficient multi-stream rotating nozzles
- Up to \$25 each for hose bib timers and/or an irrigation rain switch
- Flume Smart Home Water Monitor 100 maximum.

LANDSCAPE WATER AUDITS

A landscape water audit is a way to get your irrigation system and landscape on track and running right. Our Landscape auditor will assess your lawn and garden areas, irrigation system and more.

Once the audit is complete you will receive a list of recommendations on how to better manage your outdoor water use. Go here for more information.



NEW! Flume Smart Home Water Monitor

Want to know exactly how much water your house is using? Well, this new Flume Smart Water monitoring device does just that. This first-of-its-kind, easily installed household device puts the power of water use monitoring into your hands. **It can:**



- Detects small leaks before they cost money and cause damage
- Gives you real-time information on your household water consumption
- Allows you to set water usage goals and budgets for your household

- Sends notifications straight to your phone
- Sends you push notifications on suspicious water activities while you are away



The Clackamas River Water Providers is working with FLUME to **pilot a \$100 rebate** to eligible CRWP customers if they purchase a new Flume Smart Water Monitor device.

To find out more go to www.clackamasproviders.org/flume-rebate/

Conservation Articles and Technical Information

There is a lot of good information out there to help you save water. We have collected a number of articles and technical information on how to save water while using your irrigation system, and in maintaining your lawn and gardens. Visit our campaign website to learn more about these resources and learn how you can apply these strategies to your home and yard.

A Little Bit About Dormancy

Did you know that plants need very little water in September and October? September is a time when municipal water demands due to irrigation can still be high, however, during that time, it may not be necessary to add as much water to our landscapes. Plants actually need much less water in the late summer and early fall months and too much water can be harmful. Even vegetable gardens prefer less water in the late summer – cutting back on irrigation can actually help ripen those late season tomatoes.

[Click here](#) to learn more about plant dormancy and how to begin cutting back on late summer watering for healthier plants and to leave more water in the Clackamas River when it needs it most.

How to Check Your Sprinkler System In Summer

Spring is the time to check your sprinkler system for peak summer performance. But did you know it's one of the most important things you can do throughout the summer to ensure your irrigation system continues to operate efficiently?

Because automatic sprinkler systems often come on in the early morning hours unobserved by their owners leaks and other problems can go unnoticed for long periods of time



wasting water and damaging plants. [Click here](#) to learn how to give your irrigation system regular check ups to make sure it is watering efficiently all season long.

Brown Grass, Green Grass or Somewhere in the Middle

During the summer months we tend to over water our lawns, and while there are many different opinions about turf grass, the one consistent theme is that it uses a lot of water. Did you know the type of turf grass commonly used in our area are cool season grasses which naturally go dormant during the hot summer months? [Click here](#) to read the whole article.

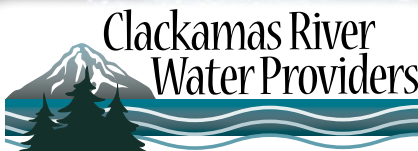
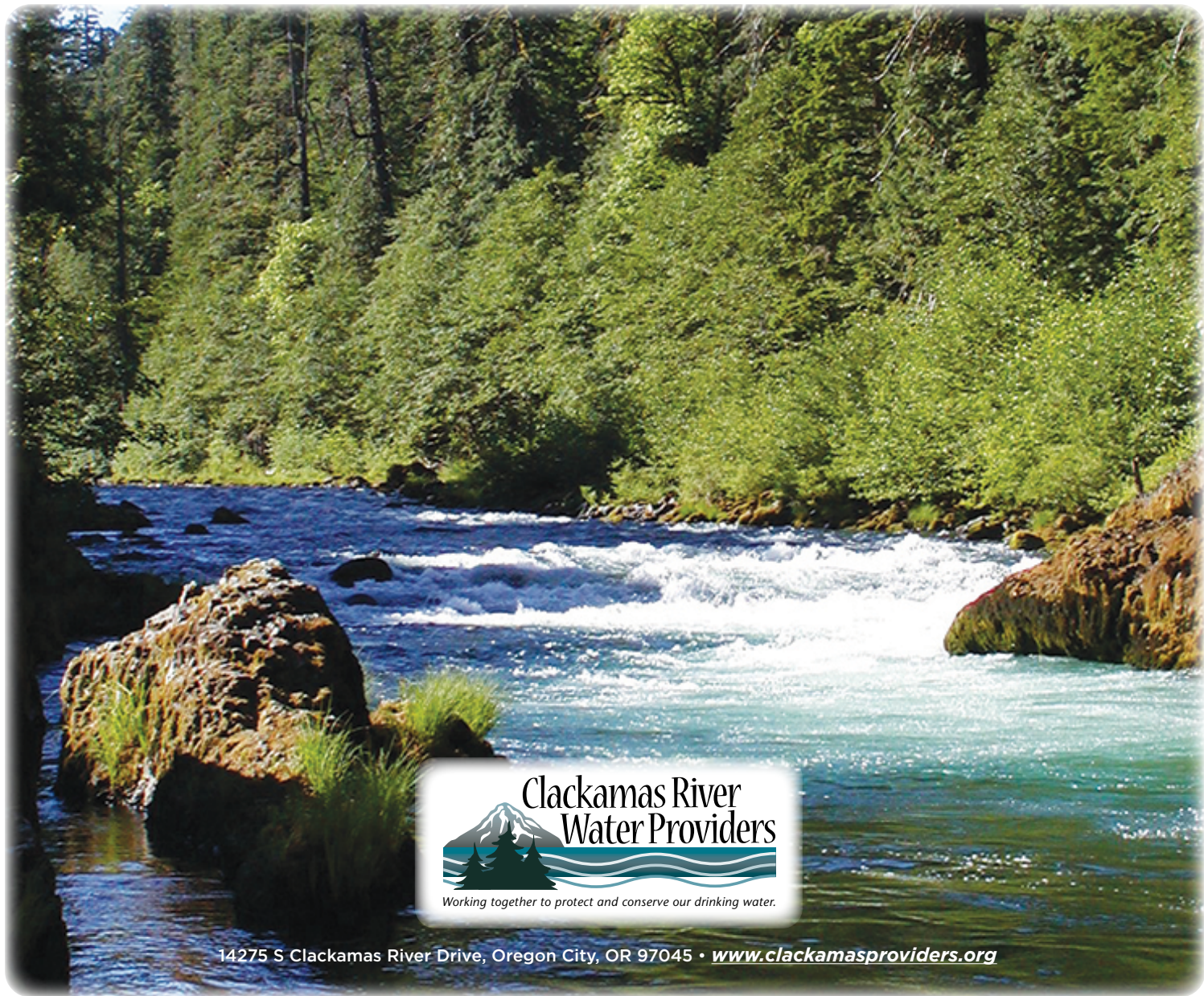
Get Your Weekly Watering Number

Landscapes can be maintained with far less water than you think. Want to know exactly how much you should be watering each week? By using the weekly watering number, you can do just that.

The weekly watering number is based on historical data (evapotranspiration, rain fall, and other data points) from the previous week, but it is used to determine how much to water lawns and gardens during the current week. As the weather changes throughout the watering season so does the Weekly Watering Number, this allows you to give your lawn and other plants exactly what they need and not waste water.

Visit our [website](#) for more information about the Weekly Watering Number and start receiving your zip code specific watering number every Thursday of each week and start watering smart today!





Working together to protect and conserve our drinking water.

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