

Reduce Water Use: August & September

It's time to scale back and stop outdoor watering as we move from August into September. Even though it's still warm and dry, shorter days and longer nights signal that plants are past their peak growth and preparing for dormancy. They simply don't need as much water.

To significantly reduce your outdoor water consumption, gradually cut back by eliminating one watering day each week in August. By September, you should aim to be completely done with outdoor watering. If conditions remain unusually warm and dry, you can spot water individual plants that show signs of stress.

This sensible approach to seasonal watering will save you water and help keep vital water levels in the Clackamas River for the crucial fall fish migration.