

You are KEY!

Balancing Water Supply and Demand

The balance between water supply and demand is crucial for ensuring the sustainable management of water resources. Snow or lack of snow plays a critical role in determining how much water is available in the Clackamas River—especially during the dry summer months. Unlike other drinking water sources in the Portland metro area, the only storage that the Clackamas River watershed has is snowpack and in town reservoirs.

For the Clackamas River and the communities that depend on it, these conditions are concerning. We anticipate the snow drought impacts to worsen over the next few months which means we expect really low river levels this summer.

As water providers we are required to ensure you have water from your tap 24/7/365 days a year, but we see our communities water use (demand) double and triple during the summer months due to outdoor watering and water use. Therefore, the less water you use, the less water we need to take out of the river.

We have information, technical assistance, conservation rebates, free landscape water audits and other water saving tools that will help you save water both inside and outside the home, but you are the KEY to reducing how much water we take from the river.

Whether you use a hose or have an underground irrigation system, cool off with a swimming pool or a sprinkler, and you care about protecting our river water for people and wildlife, visit our website today and see what you can do to decrease the amount of water you are using right now and throughout the summer months.

When you shut off your faucets, we stop taking water from the river.