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Region hitting 10 percent water reduction goal

Utilities continue to ask for reduced water use

Puget Sound Region (Aug. 26, 2015) — In the last two weeks, the region has collectively cut back on its water use by 10 percent, hitting the goal set by Everett, Seattle and Tacoma. The three cities ask customers to please keep up their efforts to reduce water use.

After moving to the Voluntary Stage of their water shortage response plans on Aug. 11, the three utilities asked customers to reduce their water use by 10 percent to stretch water supplies, for people and fish, to the rainy season.

For those who have already reduced their water use, the utilities offer thanks and ask them to continue their good work. They are also asking people who have not yet cut back to reduce their water use by following these steps:

- Let lawns go dormant and limit plant watering to twice a week.
- Water plants before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Reduce showering time.
- Check for and fix leaks.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.

The three utilities plan to report how customers are doing every other week; the next round of regional results will be released the week of Sept. 7.

Find a graph illustrating the savings and more water saving tips at www.savingwater.org.

MORE INFORMATION

[Map of service areas of Everett, Seattle and Tacoma](#)

About Everett: <https://everettwa.gov>

Everett operates a regional water supply system that serves 80 percent of the homes and businesses in Snohomish County. This includes Everett and 95 other cities and water districts and serves a population of about 570,000. [Get Everett water supply information.](#)

About Seattle: www.seattle.gov/util

Seattle operates a regional water supply system serving 1.3 million people, including residents of Seattle as well as 25 other cities and water districts in King County. [Get Seattle water supply information.](#)

About Tacoma: www.tacomawater.com

Tacoma Water supplies water directly to about 316,000 people in Tacoma, University Place, Ruston and areas of unincorporated Pierce and south King counties. The utility also serves relatively small areas within the cities of Puyallup, Fircrest, Lakewood and Bonney Lake. Through wholesale connections, Tacoma Water serves Auburn, Bonney Lake, Fife, Puyallup and parts of Pierce and King counties. [Get Tacoma water supply information.](#)

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