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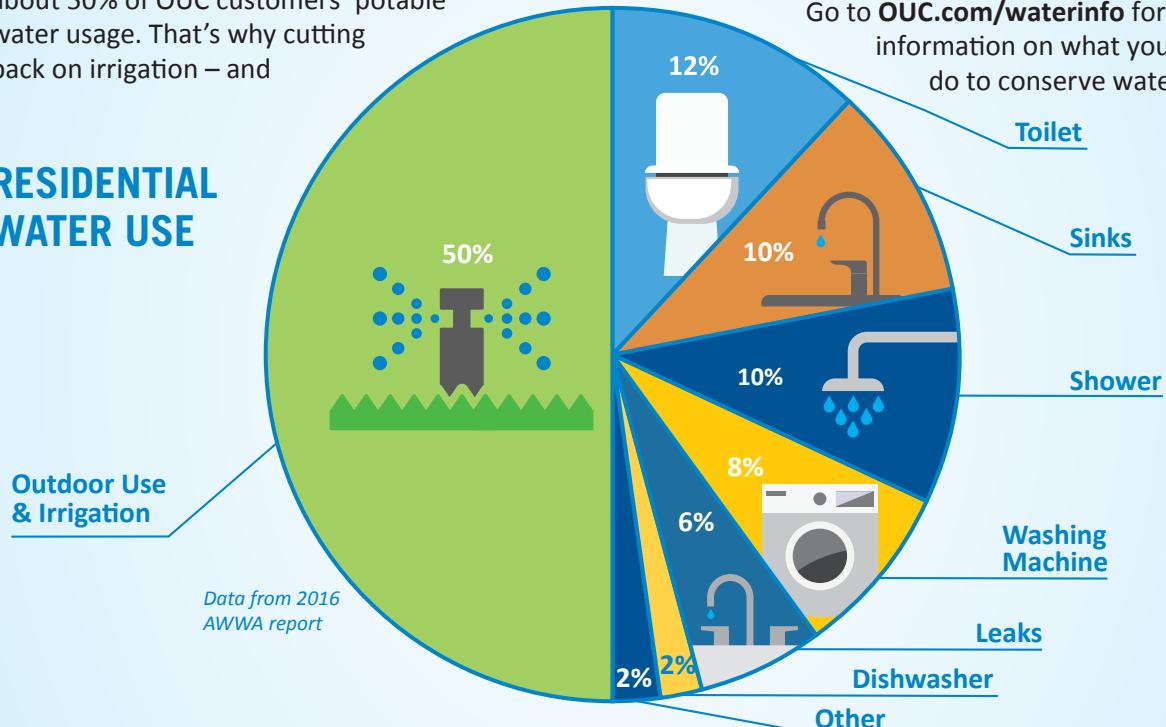
OUC ASKS CUSTOMERS TO LIMIT OUTDOOR IRRIGATION

OUC is asking customers to limit landscaping irrigation while a liquid oxygen shortage impacts our water treatment system. The clean water you drink at home and use to bathe and wash clothes is the same water that comes out of your lawn sprinklers, but irrigation alone accounts for about 50% of OUC customers' potable water usage. That's why cutting back on irrigation – and

postponing things like washing cars and pressure washing – is so important at this time as OUC experiences a shortfall in liquid oxygen. Demand for liquid oxygen has increased substantially as healthcare systems use it to treat critically ill COVID-19 patients.

Go to OUC.com/waterinfo for more information on what you can do to conserve water.

RESIDENTIAL WATER USE



SAVING WATER IS EASY

Yes, it really is. Here are some simple things you can do to conserve water and help lessen the liquid oxygen shortage's impact on OUC's water treatment process:

- Delay washing vehicles and pressure washing.
- Shut off faucet while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Shut off shower while applying soap and shampoo, then rinse.
- Use as little water as possible to wash and rinse in a bathtub.
- Install flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads.
- Run dishwasher & clothes washer with full loads.
- If you wash dishes by hand, fill the sink with water and turn off the faucet.
- If you have a pool and it's not in use, cover it to reduce evaporation.
- Recycle dog dish water and aquarium water to irrigate plants.
- Use garbage disposal sparingly.

OUC WANTS TO HELP YOU LIVE MORE EFFICIENTLY

OUC's Efficiency Delivered program offers free conservation audits that review homeowners energy and water usage and offer recommendations for improving efficiency. Additionally, Efficiency Delivered covers 85% of the cost of eligible upgrades for households with annual incomes under \$40,000. Households with incomes below \$60,000 a year are eligible for 50% cost sharing, while households above \$60,000 annually can take advantage of OUC's myriad rebate offerings.

Go to OUC.com/residential for more information and to schedule a free audit.



HOW MUCH WATER IS YOUR YARD GETTING?

A Florida lawn needs between 1 to 1.5 inches of water a week, but homeowners often don't know how much water their grass received after an afternoon shower or timed irrigation cycle.

That's why a rain gauge is a good low-tech tool to put in the yard to measure the amount of water it has received. Or, you could let an **EPA WaterSense®**-labeled controller take all the guess work out of lawn watering and get a rebate of up to \$200 from OUC.



Go to OUC.com/rebates for more information.



2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Learn more about H₂OUC via the 2020 OUC Water Quality Report at OUC.com/wqr2020. The report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To request a

printed copy of the 2020 Water Quality Report, call **407-423-9018** or visit OUC.com/wqrrequest.

Para conocer más en español sobre el Reporte Anual de Calidad de Agua 2020, llámanos al 407-423-9018.



CHILDREN'S SAFETY VILLAGE

The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida is a 501c3 nonprofit with a mission to prevent injuries and fatalities of children through lifesaving education, advocacy, and leadership. Established in 1994, the Safety Village has educated over 100,000 children on everyday safety education. Eliminating unsafe conditions through life-saving education and training of children is the organization's greatest contribution to the Central Florida community.

CLASSES:

- Pedestrian Safety
- Fire Safety
- Water Safety
- Bike & Helmet Safety
- 9-1-1 for Kids
- Dangerous Person Safety
- Internet Safety
- Poison Safety
- Gun Safety

Swim Scholarships Available



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Trunk or Treat	Oct. 23
Community Heroes Celebration	TBA

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