



10 TIPS FOR USING WATER EFFICIENTLY

..... *In Your Home Garden*

An illustration on the left side of the page shows a grey sprinkler head at the top, with three dashed blue lines representing water spray arcs. Below the sprinkler, there are two large, vibrant orange and yellow flowers with green stems and leaves, growing out of a mound of brown soil at the bottom.

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CONTROL YOUR CONTROLLER

Set adjustment reminders on your calendar.

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RETROFIT SPRINKLERS

Upgrade to rotating sprinkler nozzles that water more evenly and efficiently than traditional pop-up spray heads.

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HYDROZONE

Design each sprinkler valve line to irrigate plants with similar watering needs.

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ENSURE EACH VALVE LINE USES THE SAME FLOW RATE SYSTEM

Don't mix drip with traditional spray systems.

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MONITOR SPRINKLERS REGULARLY

Maintain your system by fixing sprinkler heads to prevent overspray on sidewalks and drives.

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CONSIDER TURF ALTERNATIVES

Replace thirsty turf grass with climate-appropriate plants.

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UTILIZE PERMEABLE PAVING MATERIALS

Consider extending living spaces into the garden with permeable paving materials.

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CHOOSE CLIMATE-APPROPRIATE PLANTS

Select water-smart plants that are adapted to Orange County's Mediterranean climate.

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MULCH AND AERATE YOUR SOIL

Mulch and aerate to keep soil open and permeable.

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REDUCE EVAPORATION

Water your landscape in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation and interference from wind.