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Water Conservation Meant Less Water Used During Recent Hot Weather; Saves Water and Dollars

Despite record high temperatures in July, residents and businesses within the [Cascade Water Alliance](http://www.cascadewater.org) service area used less water than during previous hot summers.

The reason? Great water conservation habits and a switch to high efficiency appliances and fixtures.

Cascade Water Alliance serves homes and businesses throughout Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Sammamish, Issaquah, Tukwila, Skyway, and Covington. Effective conservation measures by local residents, such as using [WaterSense®](#) labeled toilets, rain sensors, efficient showerheads and aerators, toilet leak detection and front loading clothes washers, have made a big difference.

“More people live here now than five years ago, when the summer was also extremely hot,” said Mike Brent, Cascade’s Water Resources Manager. “But because of great conservation practices by residents, water use was lower compared to the same period in 2004. The only way to explain it is that more people are using water wisely.”

“Cascade commends residents in our communities for their conservation efforts and for purchasing products that save water,” he said. “This helps ensure a reliable water supply system and saves money for the homeowner.”

Brent also reminds homeowners who turned their irrigation system up to deal with the increased heat to turn them down now to reflect the current moderate temperatures and rainfall.

Cascade recently completed its first year of conservation reporting during which significant progress was made toward achieving goals and conserving water resources. Cascade adopted its first Six-Year Conservation Savings Goal in 2008 and achieved a savings of over 426,000 gallons of water per day, representing 42 percent of its 2008 – 2013 savings goal. All Cascade members are on track to meet their respective water conservation goals.

Conservation gains in the past year came from a variety of programs offered by Cascade to help residents conserve. These include [rebates](#) for high efficiency toilets and clothes washers, faucet aerator and showerhead installations, irrigation system audits and upgrades and more. Cascade partners with many other water and energy providers to educate consumers and offer tools for wise use of water. For details on these and other conservation programs Cascade offers, visit www.cascadewater.org.

Cascade Water Alliance is a non-profit corporation, comprised of the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah and Tukwila, and Covington Water District, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District and Skyway Water and Sewer District to provide safe, clean and reliable water to its 370,000 residents and 22,000 businesses.