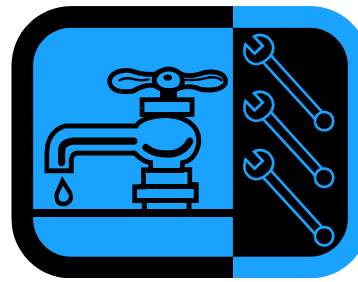


## What Can You Do?

### Conserve water in order to avoid paying a higher bill!

- Water your lawn in the evening or early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Replace grass and plants with drought tolerant landscaping that requires less water.
- Deep lawn watering once a week can be more effective than several short sessions.
- Check for leaking toilets and faucets around your home.
- Take shorter showers.
- Do not leave the hose or sink running while not in use.
- Install a low flow water aerator in your faucets—it's easy and cheap!
- Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when they are full.
- Use a broom instead of the hose to clean outdoor areas and concrete.



Murphy residents pay a flat rate for water each month, which means that over-use causes a loss in revenue for the utility. To account for the loss, the utility may have to raise rates to break even.

Think twice and be a good neighbor!

Use water responsibly.

*For more information on how to save water around your house, contact the Murphy Water Department or the Idaho Rural Water Association.*

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## Learn About Murphy's Drinking Water



## Why does saving water matter?

## Drinking Water

The homes in Murphy obtain their drinking water from two groundwater wells. This water is first treated by professionals to make sure it is safe to drink before it is delivered to your home. The bill that you pay each month is used to cover the cost of running the water system.

## Water Bills

Your water bill goes towards the following expenses:

- Power used for pumping water
- Replacement of old parts
- State and federal required sampling
- Water system operators (required by the EPA)
- Emergency repairs
- Administrative costs

## So why save water?

**Many people assume that water will always be delivered to their home in endless quantities and at an affordable price. This is not necessarily true!**

Our understanding of the water cycle may lead us to believe that drinking water supplies are limitless. But when water is over-used by humans, too much water is present as wastewater rather than available as drinking water. If your drinking water utility can't meet the

demands of its customers, they may have to drill a new well to increase supplies. Water projects like that are very expensive, and the cost of the project would have to be carried by the customers. Using too much water at your home can end up raising your rates significantly!

