



Board of Water Supply

New WaterWisdom Program For Resident/Property Managers

Residents of condominiums, townhomes, and apartment buildings are a large segment of our community that draw water from the Board of Water Supply's municipal water distribution system. It's everyone's responsibility to strive for the most efficient use of our precious water supply and reduce water waste. Through the "WaterWisdom" program, you now have a guide to help you manage your building's water use most efficiently.

WaterWisdom

Getting Started

Sign up with the Board of Water Supply's free new online customer portal called WaterSmart at www.honolulu.watersmart.com.

Once you're registered, you can access and track detailed information about your building's water use.

Landscaping

- Install an efficient irrigation system (convert to Xeriscaping).
- Check for irrigation system leaks, misdirected and/or broken sprinkler heads.
- Set timers to irrigate before 9 AM and after 5 PM or install a Weather-Based-Irrigation Controller, which waters landscapes only when and with how much is needed by using local weather stations. Proper irrigation can encourage deeper root growth and healthier, more drought-tolerant landscapes.
- Use rainwater by collecting it through a rain catchment barrel or tote. This reduces stormwater runoff, and the water can be used for garden care, and washing sidewalks or driveways.

Cleaning Common Areas

For tiled and paved areas, patios, pool decks, and lanais: Use a broom or rake, or bucket and mop, instead of hosing these areas down during cleaning

Laundry

- Install signs urging residents to wash full loads only
- Check for leaks in the laundry equipment or plumbing fixtures

Car Wash Areas

- Attach a nozzle controller to the hose
- Provide or require that buckets be used to reduce water loss when washing

Swimming Pools

- Install a pool cover (usually canvas) to reduce evaporation
- Minimize frequency of pool water changes

Showers & Bathrooms

- Install water-saving toilet fixtures, including toilet dams, low flush toilet tanks, or dual flush devices
- Check for toilet and plumbing leaks regularly
- Install flow restrictors or other water-saving devices for the shower and faucets.

Common Recreational Room Kitchen

- Display a sign requesting that if residents wash dishes by hand, they use a bowl of soapy water to scrub first, then rinse all at once, rather than letting the faucet run.

Common Areas

Put up signs in common and high-traffic areas instructing residents, tenants, and others to report leaks for repair.

We appreciate your kokua in helping to protect our precious water resources. We must use it wisely and avoid waste.

