

Fall/Winter 2024

Water Efficiency Newsletter

HARVEST SAVINGS THIS FALL

As the seasons are changing, we invite you to fall into savings with Liberty. We believe in empowering you, our customer, with the knowledge as well as some practical tools to help you see the savings add up. Included you will see tips and practices to help you use water efficiently, a state drought status update, as well as a variety of water efficiency programs that can help you save water this fall. Liberty is proud to be a conservation partner and we are always ready to help our customers make efficient water choices.

FALL/WINTER IRRIGATION SCHEDULE & TIPS

As the weather cools off and the days become shorter, plants lose less water through evaporation and therefore need less water. Changing your landscape watering times each season to fit the needs of your landscaping is important so that your plants are not overwatered.

Watering Times: The time of day you water is important to adjust as temperatures drop.

Fall – Before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. Winter – Morning time, after the sun comes up. Avoid watering in the evening or at night as that can increase the risk for plant disease.

Remember: If it is raining, turn off your irrigation system! If you receive at least ½" of rain, you can even skip your next irrigation cycle.

Planting:

Fall - Late September to November is the best time to plant!

- Plant native and drought tolerant plants.
- Use organic mulch around plants, especially around trees to help retain moisture.

Winter – It's best to wait until early spring for planting. New growth is vulnerable to cold nights in winter. **KNOW?** Did you know that Fall is the best time to plant?

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Pruning and Maintenance:

Fall - Prune dead limbs, clean away brush, and clean leaves from gutters.

Winter - Resist pruning plants in winter, even if the cold nights and frost can turn some parts of your vegetation brown. Those parts protect the plant's interior from further damage. Trim the damaged parts in late February or early March.

Additional Tips and Best Practices:

- Eliminate runoff from outdoor irrigation by ensuring your irrigation system is aligned correctly.
- Use a shut-off hose nozzle when using a hose.
- Refrain from washing driveways or sidewalks and use a broom instead.
- Fix indoor and outdoor leaks to limit water waste.
- Use water saving devices indoors and outdoors.

FALL/WINTER WATER GUIDELINES

Below are watering guidelines for fall and winter based on vegetation type. These guidelines are for established plants, additional water is needed for new plantings.

Vegetation Type			Frequency: en Waterings	Water this Deeply (Typical Root Depth)			
vegetation type		Fall Oct - Dec	Winter Dec - Mar				
Trees	Desert adapted	14 – 30 days	30 – 60 days	24 – 36 inches			
11003	High water use	7 – 12 days	14 – 30 days	24 – 36 inches			
Shrubs	Desert adapted	14 – 30 days	30 – 45 days	18 – 24 inches			
511005	High water use	7 – 10 days	10 – 14 days	18 – 24 inches			
Groundcovers & Vines	Desert adapted	14 – 30 days	21 – 45 days	8 – 12 inches			
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Cacti and Succulents		21 – 45 days	if needed	8 – 12 inches			
Annuals		3 – 7 days	5 – 10 days	8 – 12 inches			
Warm Season Grass		6 – 21 days	15 – 30 days	6 – 10 inches			
Cool Season Grass		3 – 10 days	7 – 14 days	6 – 10 inches			

• Source: Water Use It Wisely

DROUGHT UPDATE

State Drought Update

Arizona will operate under "Tier 1" status on the Colorado River for 2025. Liberty customers are not directly impacted by the tier status on the Colorado River since we provide 100% groundwater but we still encourage conservation efforts for long-term water supply planning in Arizona.

To learn more about how the Colorado River is managed and what Arizona is doing, please visit our website **www.libertyenergyandwater.com**, click on Smart Water Use then Drought.

YOU'RE INVITED

Liberty is hosting a Rain Barrel Distribution Event with an optional Rainwater Harvesting class. You MUST bring a copy of your water bill to the event for customer verification.



Saturday, November 9 RAIN BARREL DISTRIBUTION 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

RAINWATER HARVESTING CLASS 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Price: \$20 per rain barrel + tax (limit 2 barrels per household).

Location: Liberty 14920 W Camelback Road Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

*Pre-Order Required: Visit RainBarrelsIntl.com, click the "EVENTS" tab and select the 11/9/24 event or call 919-602-6316.



PROGRAMS

Fall into savings this year with Liberty. Liberty offers a variety of water efficiency programs that can help you save water and reduce your water use. Program applications are available online under the Smart Water Use tab on www.libertyenergyandwater.com or you can email conservation@libertyutilities.com.

Showerhead Program

• Customers may receive up to 2 efficient showerheads by Evolve through participating in this program. The showerheads come equipped with a thermal shut off valve that is designed to automatically reduce the flow of water to a trickle once the water reaches 95°F, saving water and leaving it ready to go until you get in. Visit our website **www.libertyenergyandwater.com** to apply.

No-Cost Conservation Kits

• Liberty offers up to 5 customized conservation kits that contain simple and easy-to-use, water saving devices designed to help you save water. The kits contain items from hose nozzles and pipe wrap to toilet flappers and faucet aerators and are available to our residential

and commercial customers. Visit our website **www.libertyenergyandwater.com** to apply.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

As temperatures cool off, learn about maintenance and best practices to protect your plumbing for the changing seasons.

Thursday, November 7 WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. MST

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Register for this virtual workshop online at **www.libertyenergyandwater.com**.

BONÚS SECTION SEARCH WORD PUZZLE

When it comes to water, every drop counts. Water conservation efforts are important and can also be fun.

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Со	cooler Weather						Efficiency						Fix Leaks							Hose Nozzle			
	Leaves						L	ty			Native Plants								Pumpkin Patch				

Showerhead

Rain Barrel

Snowman Wat

Rain Harvesting

Contact the Water Efficiency team to learn more about the programs available.

Scarecrow

Water Wise

Seasons

Winter

Water Efficiency Team

Email: Conservation@libertyutilities.com Phone: 844-367-2030, ask for Water Efficiency

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