

Conservation Currents

Spring 2020

Spring has Sprung

With the Coronavirus (COVID-19) social distancing guidance, many of us are enduring time indoors, but this also might be an ideal time to tend to your garden or yard. We have had a milder and wetter March than usual, but be careful as Mother Nature can still bring unpredictable weather to El Paso. The following tips will help you get your landscape ready for the upcoming season.



Check your Irrigation System

This is good time to check the irrigation system for leaks, broken sprinkler heads and clogged drip lines. Leaks waste water and could increase your bill. This is also a good time to adjust irrigation systems, especially sprinkler heads so that they don't spray water onto the street, sidewalk or other impermeable surfaces.



Pull those Weeds

After the recent rains, take advantage of the moisture on the ground to pull out winter weeds before they flower and set seed. Weeds compete for available water, so help your grass and shrubs by removing unwanted weeds.



Watch the Wind

Spring is usually windy in El Paso, and the wind will dry out new plant growth. Be ready to protect newly planted bushes, flowers or plants. You might need to hand water to replenish water loss after a windy day. But don't water your landscape during windy times since it will easily evaporate.

Water Smarter, El Paso!

El Paso Water is introducing the Water Smarter campaign to remind all El Pasoans of days and times for watering. Watering restrictions are part of the conservation ordinance, which is credited with helping reduce water consumption in our community by more than 30% over several decades. The campaign will also remind customers that conservation not only saves water for the future, but it can save them money



too. How do you conserve water? We'd like to hear from you about what steps you take to be more water efficient. Take a selfie or photo, showing your actions and share it with us on Facebook or Instagram. Tag your post with #WaterSmarterEP, or send your photo to us at publicaffairs@epwater.org.

Looking for Activities to do with Your Children?

Visit the TecH₂O Learning Center website for <u>resources</u> and <u>activities</u> you can do with your children while staying at home and helping to do your part to protect us from COVID-19.



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