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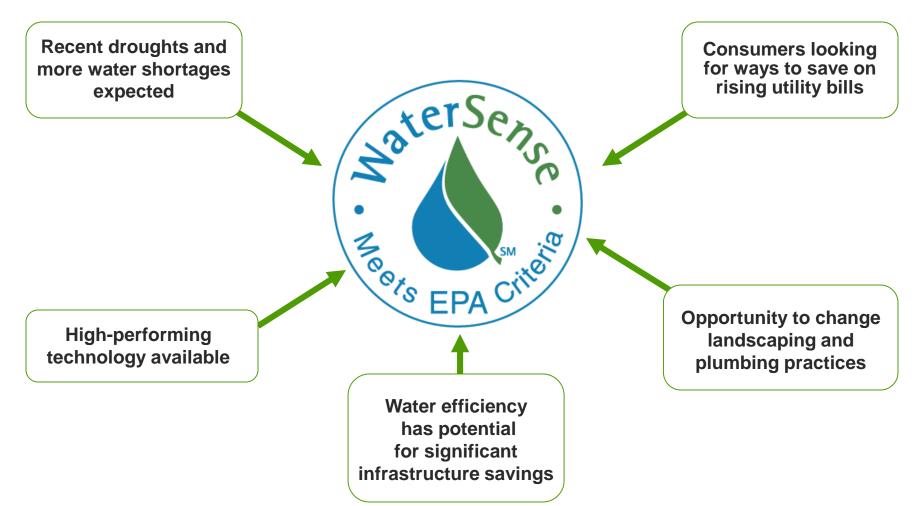
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Why WaterSense?





WaterSense Can Help



WaterSense is a voluntary partnership program launched by EPA in 2006 that provides a simple way to identify water-efficient:

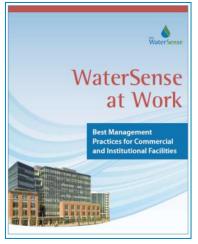
- Products
- Programs
- Practices
- Homes



Products are independently certified for water efficiency **and** performance



WaterSense Focus



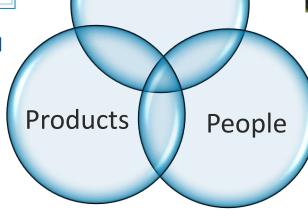
Actions that can be taken to reduce water use -- at home, outdoors and at work







Specific fixtures and technologies save water



Practices

Partners reach users to change behavior







WaterSense Labeled Products



More than **29,000** product models have earned the label. Water factors are included in many **ENERGY STAR** certified products.





Flushing Urinals



Showerheads



Lavatory Faucets



New Homes



Flushometer Valve Toilets



Tank-Type Toilets



Irrigation Controllers



Spray Sprinkler Bodies



WaterSense Labeled Homes



we build

- First national new home labeling program for water efficiency
- Applies to single and multifamily homes
- Works with other green building programs
- WaterSense labeled new homes:
 - Reduce water use in new homes by at least 20%
 - Educate homeowners about continuing water-efficient behaviors
 - Encourage community infrastructure savings
 - Are third-party certified

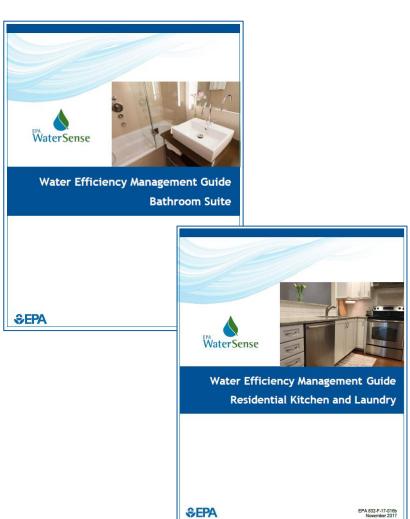
Photo: First community of all WaterSense labeled new homes in Issaquah, W.A.





Multifamily Guides

- Four water efficiency management guides are available now on the WaterSense website
 - Bathrooms
 - Residential kitchens and laundries
 - Outdoor
 - Mechanical systems







WaterSense Commercial Facility Resources

- Water use information by facility type
- Water-saving tips
- Best Management Practices
- Assessment tools
- Worksheets and checklists
- Live and recorded training webinars
- Case studies and more!



www.epa.gov/watersense/tools





Best Management Practices

WaterSense at Work is an online guide facilities can use to manage water use:

Water management planning

Water use monitoring and education

Sanitary fixtures and equipment

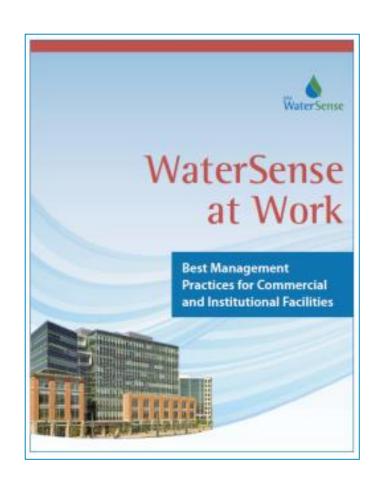
Commercial kitchen equipment

Outdoor water use

Mechanical systems

Laboratory and medical equipment

Onsite alternative sources of water







Outdoor Water Waste

20-30% of a building's water can be used outdoors

Losses caused by:

- Poor irrigation system design
- Improper system installation and management
- Lack of maintenance
- Improper scheduling

Get help from an irrigation procertified by a WaterSense labeled program

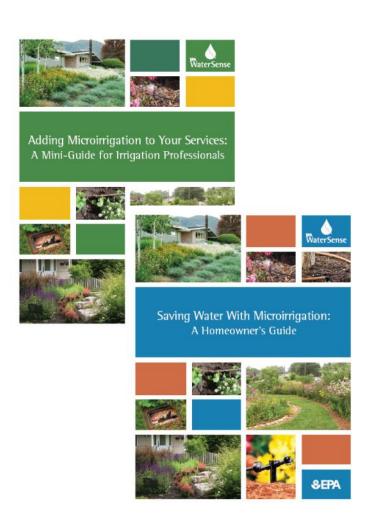






Microirrigation Guides

- Microirrigation equipment and techniques can save homeowners more than 25,000 gallons of water per year.
- Uses 20 to 50 percent less water than conventional sprinkler systems.
- Coming soon:
 - Irrigation Professionals Guide
 - Homeowners Guide





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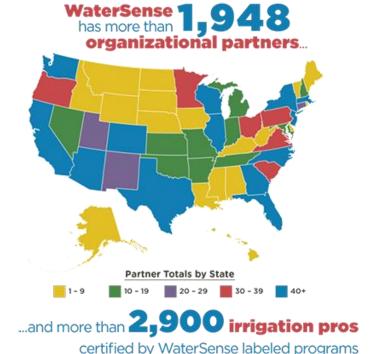
WaterSense Partners Make Savings Possible

WaterSense partners with water utilities, local/state governments, nonprofits, builders, and HOAs



WaterSense and its partners are committed to bringing water-efficient smart water use. Search by partner type, state, and/or partner name

Partner Type		State	Partner Name ?
All Partners	_	All 🔺	
Builder		AK	
Home Builders Association		AL	
Licensed Certification Provider		AR	
Local/State/Federal Government	+	AZ *	



There's Strength in Numbers Join Us!

- Become a WaterSense partner
- Recruit new or work with existing WaterSense partners
- Promote WaterSense labeled products
- Adopt irrigation certification programs and encourage irrigation professionals to get certified
- Continue to educate your friends, families, and consumers about the importance of water efficiency and WaterSense



look for

Photo: 2018 WaterSense Award Winners



Why Partner?

- EPA sets the stage & partners run with it
 - Our efforts are more powerful when partners join forces
- Support national specification for water-efficient products and services
- Access free materials, templates and logo or label
- Membership in a network of water efficiency experts
 - Learn new strategies
 - Collaborate with other types of partners
- Recognition from EPA as a water efficiency leader

WaterSense is **FREE** to join!

Easy online form at https://www.epa.gov/watersense/join-watersense







Customizable Partner Tools

- Infographics
- Bill Stuffers
- Videos
- Sample web text
- Sample press release/ newsletter text
- Social media
- Case studies
- Spanish Tools







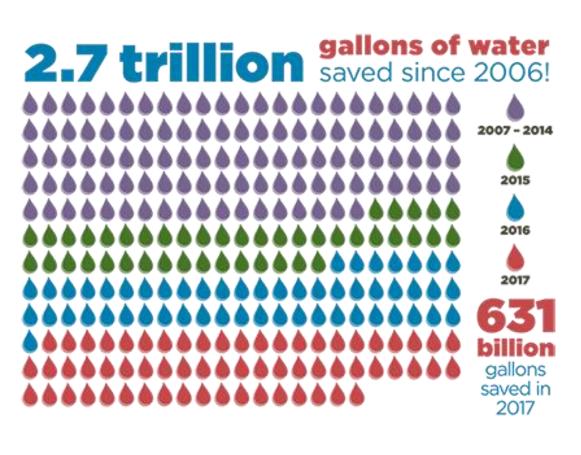


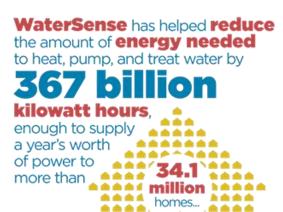




Savings Add Up! 2006-2017







WaterSense partners helped...



\$63.8 billion





More Information

- WaterSense Information
 - Web site: www.epa.gov/watersense
 - List of products
 - Partnership information
 - Educational fact sheets and resources
 - E-mail: <u>watersense@epa.gov</u>
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