



Current Events

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

WATERPRO'S OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED TO WALK-IN TRAFFIC. Telephone service and by-appointment times only. Call 801-571-2232.

Office closures for January:

Our office will be closed entirely (no telephone service) on the following dates and times:

- Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day
- Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Can a Larger Population Mean Less Water Use?

The dry states of the southwest US are also some of the fastest-growing areas in terms of population. Yet many counties in the water-starved west have actually decreased their water usage as their population has grown. How has that happened?

A [study](#) published this year (*Decoupling Urban Water Use and Growth in Response to Water Scarcity*, by Brian Richter *et al.*) outlines how there are many counties throughout the West that have actually decreased their total water use even as their population grew.

Strategies for decreasing water use

According to the study, there are two main strategies that Western counties and municipalities have used to decrease water usage: reducing water used on outdoor landscaping, and supporting the installation of more water-efficient appliances in homes.

Reducing water use for landscaping

Some Western cities such as Las Vegas offer rebates for replacing grass with waterwise landscaping. While Draper has not instituted such a program, we still have excellent free local resources for homeowners who want to create a beautiful landscape that makes the most of our desert climate while reducing their water use.

Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District's Conservation Garden Park (conservationgardenpark.org) offers a wealth of resources for homeowners. You can visit the outdoor gardens, sign up for free webinars and classes, use their online Plant Finder to select just the right plants for your yard, or access landscape designs and videos or connect with a professional landscaper.

Swapping out inefficient appliances

Got an old leaky toilet? You might qualify for a rebate to replace it with a new, more efficient model.

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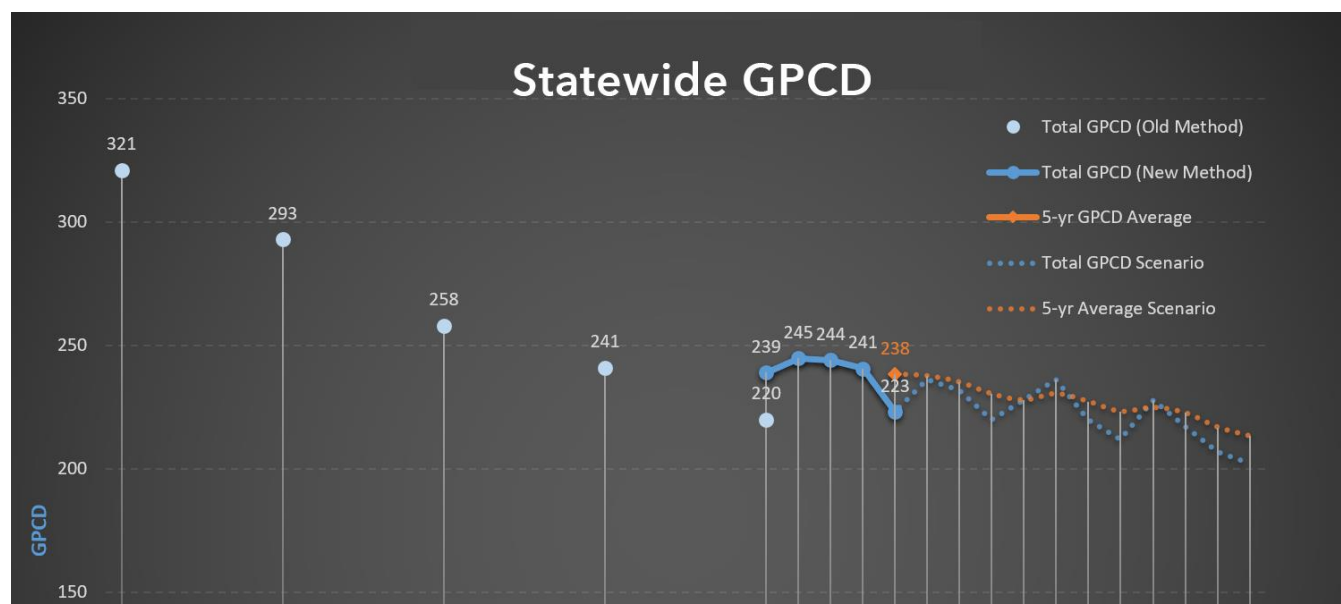
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To learn about rebates and rewards that might be available to you, go to utahwatersavers.com.

How is Utah doing?

The study cited earlier did not focus on Utah. However, data from the Utah Division of Water Resources (water.utah.gov) shows that daily usage per person (GPCD, or gallons per capita daily) has been declining steadily since 1995.

We encourage our customers to keep up the good work and make water conservation one of your resolutions for 2021.



Reminder: Annual Shareholder Meeting Delayed

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, WaterPro will delay our annual shareholders' meeting, normally held in March.

Current plans call for holding the meeting in September, although this may change depending on the course of the pandemic. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for our Board of Directors election held in conjunction with the shareholders' meeting, we will provide more information about how to do that as the date for the meeting approaches.