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Investigations

- Report-based
- 90% Runoff
- 10% Disrepair
HOW TO PREVENT RUNOFF

INSTALL EFFICIENT NOZZLES

Efficient nozzles save water by sending out large drops of water in a uniform pattern at a slow rate. They are inexpensive and easy to install. All you need is a set of pliers to hold the sprinkler head up while you twist off the old nozzle and twist on the new one. (Tip: take one of your existing nozzles with you to the hardware store to see if there is a water efficient replacement for it.)

INSTALL CHECK VALVES

Even after you turn off your sprinklers water remains in the irrigation system, flows to the lowest part of your landscape and then seeps out of the sprinkler heads. Prevent this by installing check valves in the lowest part of your irrigation system.

USE “CYCLE-AND-SOAK”

A common form of runoff occurs when more water is applied to the landscape than the soil can absorb, causing excess to run off onto sidewalks and into the gutter. You can prevent this by not watering your landscape beyond the absorption point. Determine when your landscape soil becomes saturated. To do this, run your irrigation system and time how long it takes before water begins to run off the landscape. This will become your time limit per watering cycle.

MAINTENANCE

Most sprinklers are set to run in the early morning or late at night. This means that issues go unnoticed. Take the time to test your sprinkler system and check for problems like broken or misaligned sprinkler heads.
Rebates

- Irrigation Efficiency
Get up to $500 back for upgrading your existing irrigation system to a new water-wise one! You will receive a free system inspection to determine exactly what your yard needs. To get started, visit: cityofwestsacramento.org/water.
Water Wise House Calls
WATER WISE
HOUSE CALL
Discussion
What is the approach for water conservation during a wet year?