



Dear Resident,

Thank you for taking your time to fill out an Every Drop Counts Water Conservation Audit. By completing both the Indoor and Outdoor Audits we can get a clearer picture of a consumers water usage. With this information we can offer suggestions and/or tips to help increase water conservation.

By completing an audit the resident will have the choice of receiving either an Indoor or Outdoor Water Conservation Kit.\* This kit is filled with a variety of water facts, tips and tools to help bolster an at-home conservation program. The last page of the audit includes an inventory sheet describing the contents of the Indoor and Outdoor Water Conservation Kits.

For more information, suggestions or ways to save please contact; **Elisa Phillips** with the Town of Boone at (828)268-6250, by e-mail at [Elisa.phillips@townofboone.net](mailto:Elisa.phillips@townofboone.net) or visit [www.townofboone.net](http://www.townofboone.net). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

\* This offer only applies to Town of Boone Water Customers

**Elisa O. Phillips**  
**Water Conservation Program Coordinator**  
**Town of Boone Public Utilities**



**Town of Boone Residential OUTDOOR Water Audit**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



**Give Yourself 1 Point For Every “Yes” and 0 Points For Every “No”**

Do you use an automatic shut-off nozzle when your hose is on? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you sweep rather than hose off your driveway and walkway? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you measure lawn watering? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you winterize outdoor pipes to prevent freezing, leaking or bursting? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use mulch to minimize evaporation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wash your car with a bucket and a sponge? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you time your watering periods to make sure that you don't overwater? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you adjust your sprinklers to prevent misting? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you collect rain water to water your garden? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you water your lawn when it is cooler and calm to avoid evaporation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have plants that match your climate and conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have re-circulating pumps on pools, ponds or fountains? \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scores**

**0-5** You have room for improvement.

**5-9** You are on your way!

**9-12** You are conserving water! With your effort, you are helping to protect the environment, lower your water bill, and have a healthy landscape that is less expensive and easier to maintain!

***For more information, tools and tips on how to conserve water please contact***

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## Town of Boone Residential INDOOR Water Audit

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



### Give Yourself 1 Point For Every “Yes” and 0 Points For Every “No”

Do you check your toilet tanks at least twice a year for leaks? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a low-flow toilet (1.6 gallons per flush or less)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you place used tissues in a wastebasket instead of flushing? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use a low-flow showerhead? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you time your shower to 5 minutes or less? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you only wash full loads of laundry? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you only run the dishwasher when it is full? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you turn the water off while brushing teeth, washing hands or shaving? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reuse unwanted or old pet water for plants? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you thaw food in the refrigerator (not by running water over it)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you keep a pitcher of water in the fridge (instead of running the tap)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

### Scores

**0-5** Needs Improvement! I encourage you to research water conservation tips and attempt to work one or two new conservation methods monthly.

**5-8** Nice Job! Keep up the good work and maybe even add a few tips this week!

**9-11 Excellent!!!!** You are a water saver and you should help spread the word by giving your tips to friends and family!

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## Residential Water Audit Tips



1. **Checking For Leaks (Indoor and Outdoor)**
  - Use dye tablets to check for toilet leaks (available at the Public Utilities office ).
  - Turn off faucet and place a glass under the faucet, check the glass in 15 minutes. If you have even 1 cup of water, that can equal 300 gallons a month.
  - Inspect hoses and sprinklers to make sure there are no leaks.
  - Look for standing water in the surface near irrigation system spray head. If you see areas of the lawn that are a brighter green than others, you may have a leak.
2. **Use Garbage Disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste and save gallons every time.**
3. **Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if closely clipped.**
4. **Use sprinklers for large areas of grass and water small spaces by hand. Also, make sure that you are watering the grass and not the driveway or patio.**
5. **Collect water from your roof in a rain barrel to water your garden.**
6. **Don't use running water to defrost food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.**
7. **Use a water-efficient showerhead. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.**
8. **Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.**
9. **When you give your pet fresh water, don't pour the old water down the drain. Use it to water plants, trees or shrubs.**

For more Water Conservation Tips Contact:

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**Indoor Water Conservation Kit Contains:**

- ◆ One, 1.5 gpm Earth Massage Showerhead
- ◆ Two, 1.0 gpm Bathroom Sink Aerators
- ◆ One, 1.5 gpm Kitchen Swivel Aerator
- ◆ One, Toilet Water Saver (Fill Cycle Diverter)
- ◆ One, Toilet Tank Bank
- ◆ Two, Packets of Dye Tabs (to test for toilet leaks)
- ◆ Neoprene Tape for installment



**Outdoor Water Conservation Kit Contains**

- ◆ A Moisture Meter
- ◆ A Water Saving Garden Hose Sprayer
- ◆ Garden Hose Repair Kit
- ◆ Water Saving Tips

