

# NORTHWEST PARK M.U.D.

## Water Conservation Tips

### Inside the home

- ❖ Never use any more water than necessary to complete a task
- ❖ Fix leaks on faucets, sinks and toilets
- ❖ Take short showers instead of baths
- ❖ Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving
- ❖ Install low-flow showerheads and toilets
- ❖ Keep cold beverages in the refrigerator and use ice only when needed
- ❖ Keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator instead of waiting for water to cool from faucet
- ❖ Fill sink half-way to rinse vegetables and fruit instead of rinsing one at a time under running water
- ❖ Wash dishes by hand instead of using a dishwasher (fill one side of sink with soapy water for washing and the other with clear water for rinsing)
- ❖ If using a dishwasher, make sure you have a full load
- ❖ When washing clothes, make sure you have a full load; if not, select the correct water level

When cleaning or emptying a fish tank, use the old water to water plants or lawn

### Outside the home

- ❖ Swimming pools should be covered when not in use so water does not evaporate
- ❖ Water lawn only when needed
- ❖ Water early in the morning or late at night
- ❖ Never water when it is windy; this causes water to evaporate and dry quicker
- ❖ Use drip irrigation for shrubs and flower beds
- ❖ Water hoses should have a trigger nozzle on them
- ❖ Use mulch around trees, plants and gardens, to hold in moisture
- ❖ Save rain water to water plants
- ❖ When watering, set a timer (saves on over-watering)
- ❖ When using a sprinkler, be sure to adjust to water only where needed
- ❖ Instead of washing your driveway and sidewalks, sweep or use a blower
- ❖ After washing your vehicle, use left-over water for plants or lawn

