

2021 WCWCD Recommendations to Cities

(From 9-8-2021 Presentation to Washington City Council, starting on slide 20)

Direct Recommendations

- Time-of-day watering ordinance
- Water waste ordinance
- Water efficiency standards for all new construction
- Ongoing collaboration with all our municipal partners to ensure standards are consistent throughout the county
- Standards would apply to all new construction, including all homeowner association areas and those served by secondary irrigation water

Residential Standards – new construction

Traditional Option

Indoor

- Hot water recirculation system
- WaterSense labeled fixtures
- Energy Star appliances
- Multi-family housing individual metering/sensing

Outdoor

- Limit irrigated landscape area to 2,500 square feet, lawn to 750 square feet
 - Pools, spas and other water features count toward 750 square feet unless covered
- Install landscape specific meters at each property
- Use a minimum number of approved water-efficient trees and shrubs; irrigate with a drip system
- Install water-smart irrigation controllers
- Avoid lawn on park strips, slopes greater than 25% and areas less than 8 ft wide
- Require pool covers
- Secure city verification

Certified – more flexibility, verified certification (which adds cost)

Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Standards

Indoor

- Hot water recirculation system
- WaterSense labeled fixtures
- Energy Star appliances
- Submeter all units
- Recycle carwash water

Outdoor

- Lawns prohibited unless a waiver is granted demonstrating a functional purpose
- Install landscape specific meters at each property
- Use only approved water-efficient trees and shrubs; irrigate via drip system
- Install water-smart irrigation controllers
- Enforce water budget and require use of secondary irrigation at golf courses
- Prohibit decorative water features
- Limit commercial misting systems for use from May – August
- Secure city verification