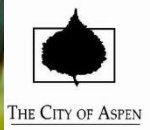




# LANDSCAPE

## EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

HELP US CONSERVE OUTDOOR WATER USE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE HIGH AREAS OF WATER USE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.



## **IF YOU ARE DEVELOPING A NEW OR EXISTING PROPERTY, THE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE MAY IMPACT YOU.**

### **ORDINANCE Q & A**

#### **WHY A WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE?**

Reducing outdoor water demand management is important because planning forecasts show that projected future municipal water demands will exceed the Community's water supply during extreme drought periods, particularly during seasons with high outdoor water use. Managing out outdoor water use will help mitigate this scenario.

#### **HOW WILL THE CITY APPLY THE ORDINANCE?**

The standards will apply to the following projects that use City of Aspen potable water:

- Landscaping, grading, installing or disturbing hardscapes, additions to structures, etc. that has a disturbance area greater than 1,000 square feet and greater than 25% of entire site.
- All new construction with internal work only that demolishes greater than 50% of the existing structure.

City and county parcels currently on well water that apply for a new City water account

## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE ORDINANCE?

- Promote the values and benefits of healthy landscapes while recognizing the need to invest in water use efficiency
- Establish a structure for planning, designing, installing, maintaining and managing water-efficient landscapes in new construction and renovated/rehabilitated projects.
- Use water efficiently without waste by setting an upper limit water budget and low use as a goal.

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

The efficient landscaping ordinance establishes standards that promote efficient development and use of water within the City of Aspen's water service area. Implementation of these standards fulfills certain recommendations identified in the City of Aspen's Municipal Water Efficiency Plan, the Roaring Fork Regional Water Efficiency Plan, and the Roaring Fork Watershed Plan.

## WHEN WILL ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE TAKE EFFECT?

A 18-month pilot phase for the landscape ordinance will begin June 22, 2017. During this pilot phase, documentation requirement, submittals and installations identified in the Water Efficient Landscaping Standards will be required. The "maximum applied water budget," as well as issues that may arise during a post-installation site audit, will be part of the review but not part of compliance.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For more information and/or assistance in compiling the documentation package, please contact City of Aspen parks Department at 970.920.5120 or [efficientlandscape@cityofaspen.com](mailto:efficientlandscape@cityofaspen.com).

**Links to the Water Efficient Landscaping Standards and Landscape Checklist can be found at: [www.cityofaspen.com](http://www.cityofaspen.com).**

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