



Summit County Service Area #3

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Water Conservation - Tools and resources

Why do you conserve water? Utah is the 2nd driest state in the country. Due to population growth, climate change, drought conditions, water supply and aging infrastructure, conservation is our reality in Utah. Water studies and trends for Utah show that the projected demand for water is greater than the reliable supply. 'Reliable supply' is based on the highest demand day(s). This year's legislation includes laws regarding overage fees in relation to water conservation. Our state legislators passed H.B. 274 which incentivizes water conservation by making higher water usage more expensive. There are great tools for Utah residents to learn ways to conserve. Look for the new Water Conservation page on the Service Area website for incentives and resources.

Weekly Lawn Watering Guide - Gives weekly recommendations for lawn watering:

<https://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>

For our area, recommended watering is twice per week for most of the irrigation season.

Slow the Flow - Great resources including a Utah Plant Selector tool, rebates & incentives:

<https://slowtheflow.org/>

Utah Water Wise Plant List - <https://water.utah.gov/water-wise-plants/>

Homeowner Landscape Resources - <https://conservewater.utah.gov/landscape-resources/>

Center for Water Efficient Landscaping - <https://extension.usu.edu/cwel/>

Building season is here. You MUST have a permit through the Service Area for all new construction, remodels, culvert & driveway work and excavation projects. Summit County won't accept any permit submittals without a will-serve letter from the Service Area. The permit application is available on the Service Area website under the Forms page.

[Track your water usage with](#)



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Noxious Weeds – Resources and Information

Did you know that it is the homeowner's responsibility to control and manage noxious weeds on their property? Each state determines which weeds are considered noxious so noxious weeds vary from state to state. If you moved here from another state, it's important to educate yourself.

Here are some resources for you.

Summit County Weed Division: <https://www.summitcountyutah.gov/155/Weed-Division>

The County has a weed division that helps you identify noxious weeds and provides herbicides to purchase to control and manage noxious weeds on your property. This is a great local resource.

Here's a few examples of common weeds found in Summit County



Dyer's Wood



Field Bindweed



Scotch Thistle

New Connection Grace Period

Are you on a well and want to connect to the water system or are you building a new home and going to connect? If you meet the requirements which include having a 'wet' lot with a water allocation and you're current with your annual standby fee, we are offering a discounted new connection fee for a specific grace period of June 1 until December 31, 2025.

Certain requirements apply including, you must connect within 24 months, and the connection fee is not refundable. If you don't build or connect within 24 months, you have to pay for a new connection fee at the full rate. Please contact the Service Area office for details and the new connection agreement form.

Public Election Notice Declaration of Candidacy Period is June 2 – June 9, 2025

Three Board seats are up for election this year. One Upper and two Lower seats. If you are interested in joining the Board. Please check the Service Area website for the candidacy packet or contact the office.

Backflow Inspections – They are the law

The Service Area works hard to continuously ensure the safety of your drinking water with regular water testing. A vital link in this effort is Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention. The goal with backflow testing is to prevent contamination of drinking water. This is for homes on the connected water system with irrigation systems. This law applies to users on the water system and not well users. For well users, unless specified in an inspection, it is not mandatory.

Water distribution systems are designed so that water flows in one direction but backflow is a back pressure or back-siphonaging, a reversal of the water flow. Backflow is an undesirable flow reversal of water and other substances into the water system or your private well. Even though the water that reaches your home or business is safe, it can be contaminated by a backflow incident within your own piping and could contaminate or otherwise degrade water quality. Federal and state laws require public water systems to protect their systems from cross connections and backflow.

All backflows on the connected water system need an annual inspection. Irrigation and fire sprinkler systems require an annual inspection which is also part of our water policy and state and federal law. All inspections need to be sent to permit@summitcosa3ut.gov. The Service Area has the staff to do 80 backflow inspections at an annual rate of \$99. Most testers charge \$125 – \$150. Hire a certified backflow inspector and have them email the Service Area your annual inspection report for your file or fill reach out to the Service Area at permit@summitcosa3ut.gov to schedule your backflow inspection.