What We Do

The Regional Water Providers Consortium is a collaborative and coordinating organization that works to improve the planning and management of municipal water supplies in the greater Portland, OR metropolitan region. Find out more about the Consortium, its members, and its work in emergency preparedness, water conservation, and regional coordination at www.regionalh2o.org.

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Water efficiently.

Water use can increase significantly during the summer months due to outdoor watering. Adjusting the amount you water, along with regular maintenance of your irrigation system, can reduce your outdoor water use by about 30 percent.

Regularly check for and repair leaks.

Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase.

Be prepared.

Having an ample supply of drinking water is a top priority in an emergency. A 14-day supply is recommended for your family and pets – one gallon per person per day.

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How We Work
The Consortium is guided by a Board of elected officials from the member cities and water agencies. These committees participate in the work of the Consortium.

The Conservation Program helps people use water efficiently. The program targets diverse users including residential customers, property managers, landscape and irrigation professionals, and children.

The Conservation Program includes the following components:
- **Multi-media outreach**: a combination of television, radio, print, and social media messaging
- [www.conserveh2o.org](http://www.conserveh2o.org) website: a comprehensive site specializing in regional water conservation information, tips, tools, and resources
- **Educational materials and conservation devices**: a comprehensive set of educational materials that include brochures, posters, activity books, conservation devices and more
- **School assembly programs**: entertaining and educational water conservation assembly programs designed for students, grades K-5
- **Events and workshops**: community outreach events and educational workshops serving the public and industry representatives

The Emergency Preparedness Program secures grants, conducts training and exercises, and fosters communication and coordination. As a result of the Consortium preparedness efforts, the region has:
- Emergency water distribution systems
- Mobile water treatment systems
- Portable pipe systems
- An Emergency Water Distribution Plan
- A GIS database to identify and evaluate regional interconnections
- Links to local and state-wide mutual aid and emergency response networks
- A forum for coordination and information-sharing

The Regional Coordination Program provides a forum for discussion among and communication by the region's water providers. Through this program, members can speak with one voice on important issues and pool resources to complete mutually beneficial projects such as:
- Creating and updating the Regional Water Supply Plan
- Collaboration with Metro to promote coordination between land use and water supply planning
- Coordination on climate change research and programs
- Responding to and supporting legislation and agency programs that support Consortium activities
- Creation of an online address look-up tool for use during a drinking water advisory
- Development of population and household estimates and forecasts

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