

UNDERSTANDING SOURCES OF EXCESSIVE WATER USE IN MY ACCOUNT

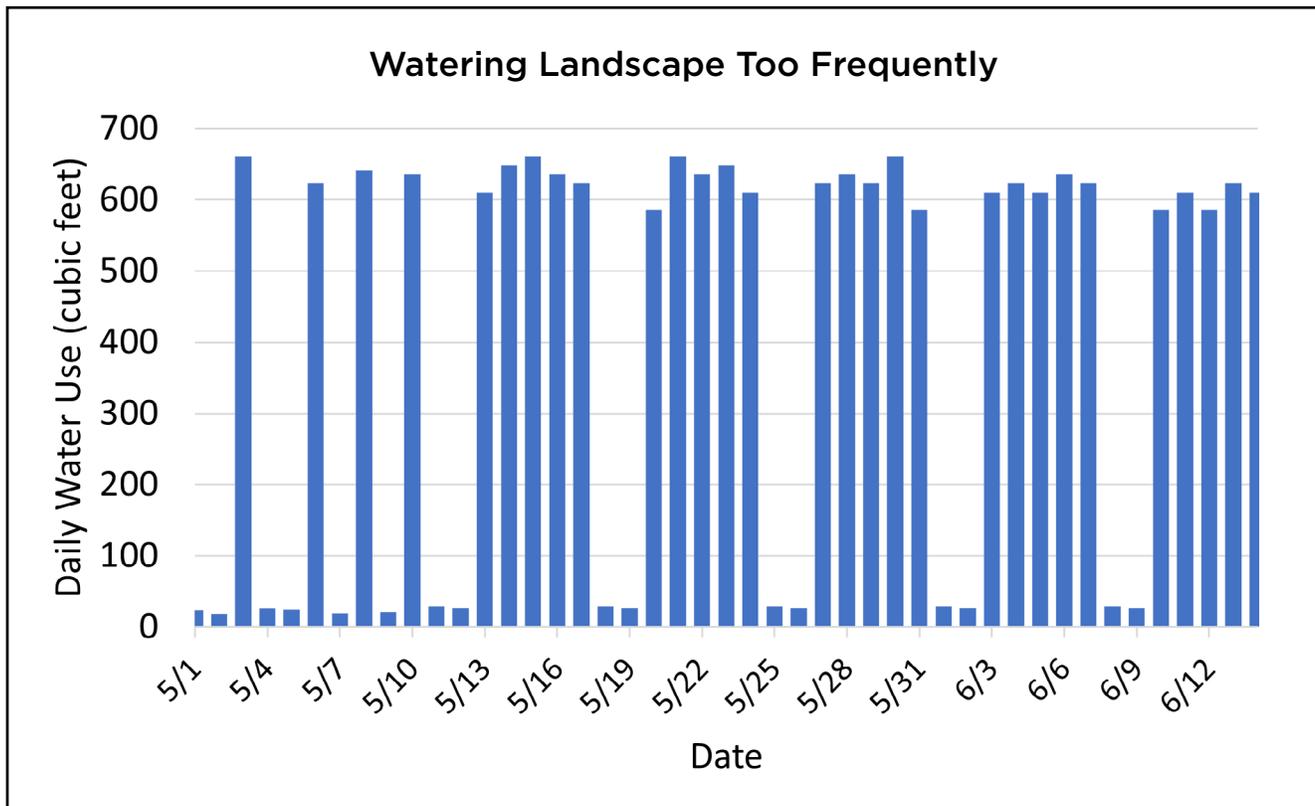
If you're unsure about the cause of high water use, check the water use graphs in [My Account](#).

Here are some quick tips:



Watering Too Often:

- The water usage graph below shows the daily water use of a homeowner who started watering their landscape three days per week in early May, then switched to five days a week in mid-May.
- Most landscapes only need watering once or twice per week in spring. The five-day pattern from May onwards exceeds the typical landscape needs and ignores the three-day-per-week limit of the Water Wise Rules.
- To manage water use, reduce landscape watering to a maximum of three days per week, adjusting for weather conditions. Learn more about watering your yard.



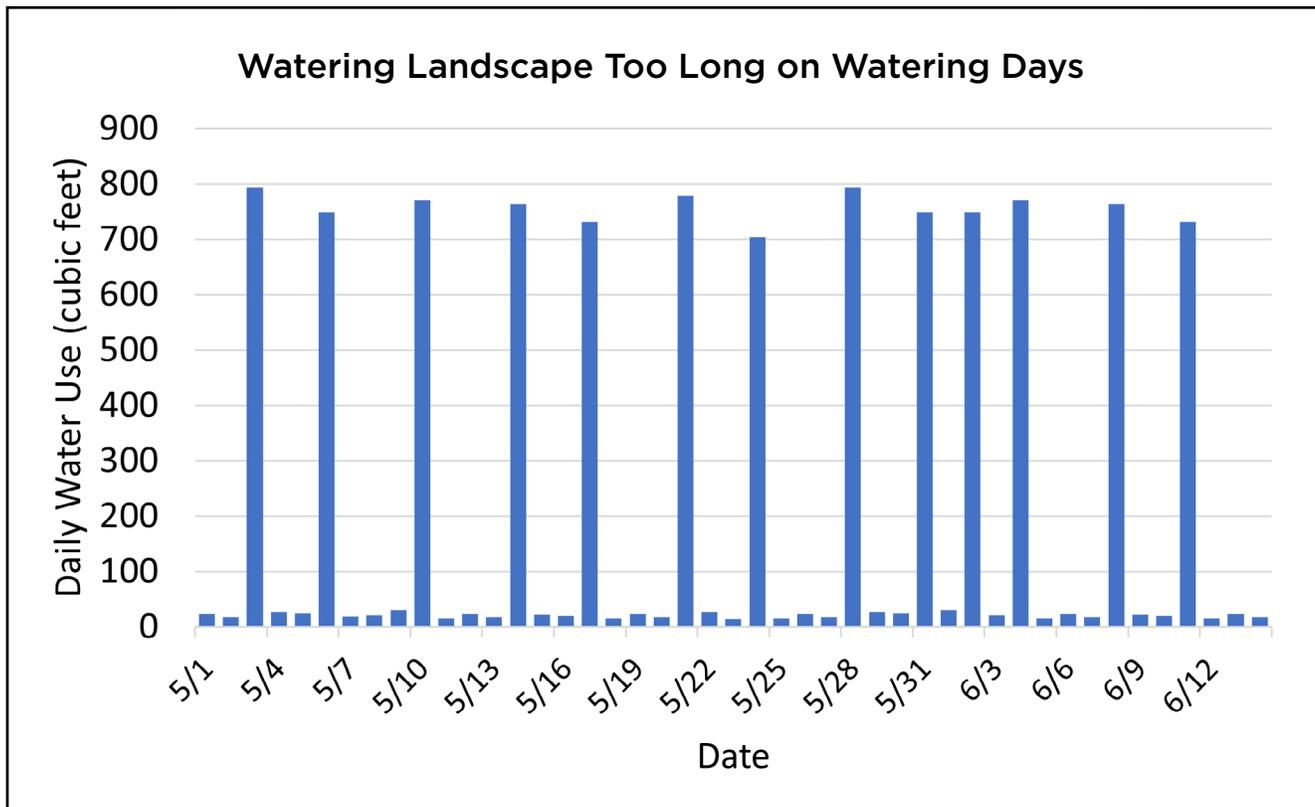
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Watering Too Long:

- Overwatering on scheduled days can lead to high water use. The graph below shows the daily water use of a homeowner who may be watering too long.
- Measure the total area being watered. In this example, the amount of water used on watering days is enough to water approximately 3,000-3,500 square feet of lawn.
- Adjust watering time to ensure no more than 40 cubic feet per 1,000 square feet is applied on any given watering day.



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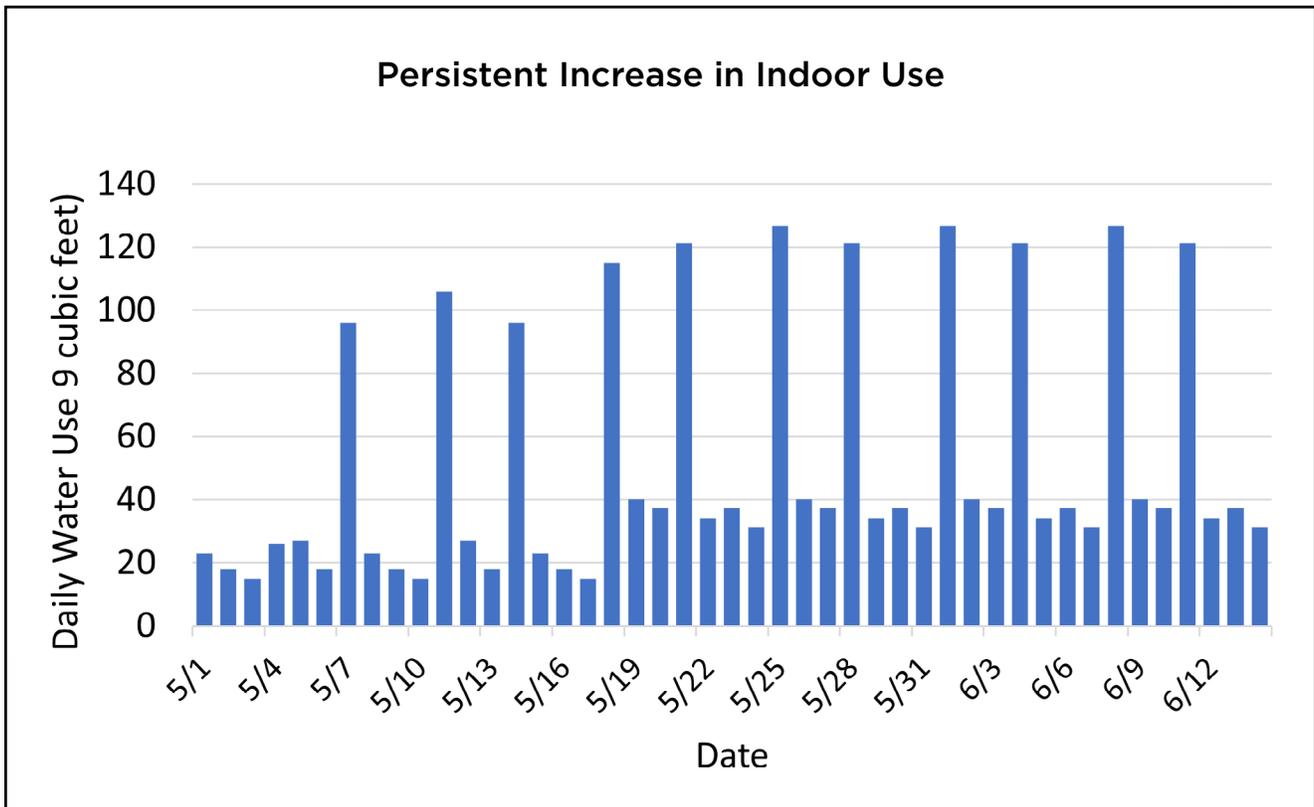
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Indoor Use Increases:

- Monitor non-landscape watering days.
- Changes may indicate leaks or other causes. In the water use graph below, the homeowner began watering in early May. By late May, the bars on non-watering days are higher than earlier in the year, which could be due to an on-going leak.
- Higher water use on non-watering days could be due to leaks or household changes.
- Consider household size and seasonal variations.



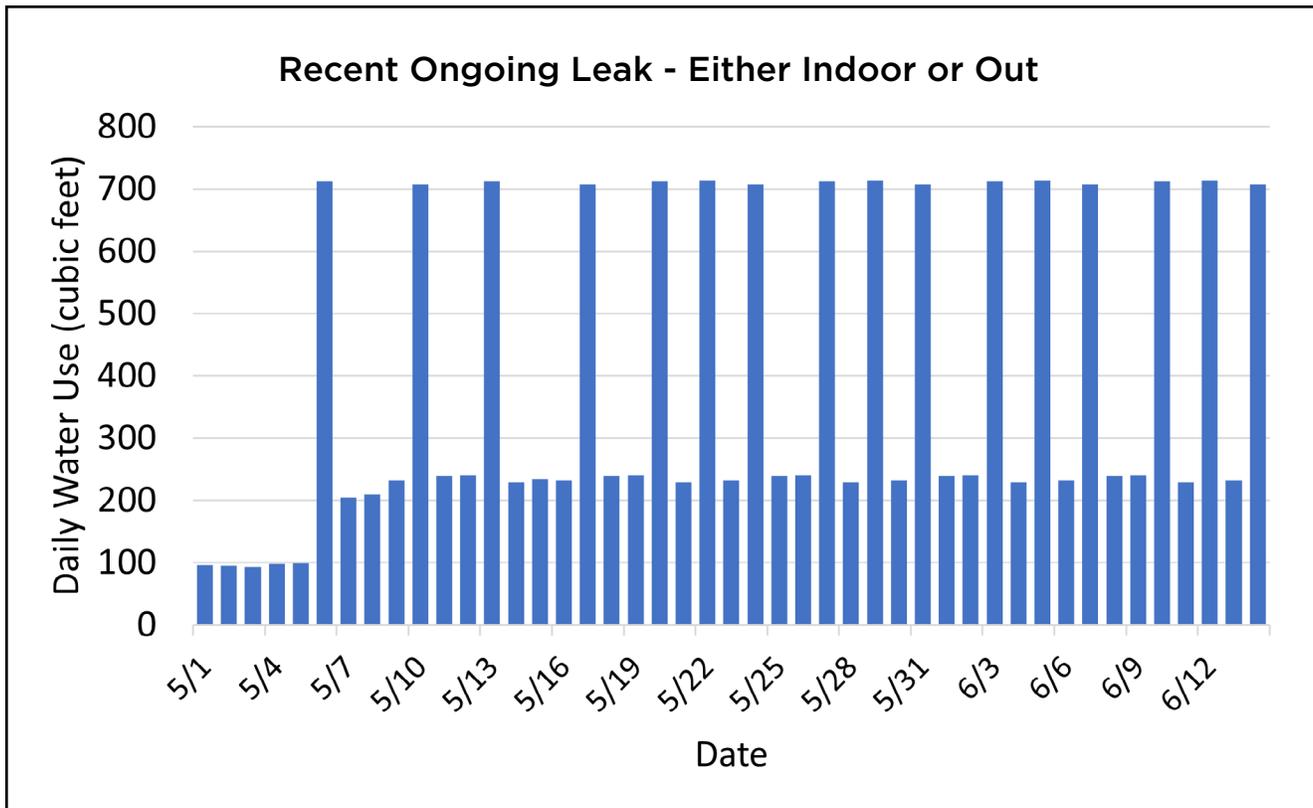
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Water Leaks:

- Unnoticed leaks (toilets or sprinkler systems) lead to high water use.
- The example graph below shows a persistent leak starting in early May.
- High bars on non-watering days coincide with landscape watering, hinting at a sprinkler system leak.
- Inspect sprinklers and toilets first then move to other water fixtures to pinpoint the cause.



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