



Myth Busting: Water

MYTH: Indoor and outdoor water use have the same environmental impact.

FACT: The water we use inside our homes, businesses, and hotel rooms has less of an impact on our community's water supply than the water we use outside for lawn and landscape maintenance. That's because **indoor water across Southern Nevada is recycled and returned to Lake Mead, our primary source of water.** Currently, there's no way for us to collect and re-use the water we use outside, so following watering restrictions and limiting water use in your landscape is the most impactful way to save water in Clark County.

Southern Nevada Water Authority, [Indoor Conservation Tips](#), 2024.



MYTH: Upgrading my appliances won't save much water.

FACT: Technology has come a long way when it comes to water efficiency – and upgrading your appliances can make a big difference in home water use.

The average family spends around \$1,100 per year in water costs but **can save \$350 by upgrading** to WaterSense and Energy Star appliances and fixtures. Even switching from a standard washing machine to an Energy Star washer saves 13 gallons of water per load – that's **3,000 gallons of water every year!**

U.S. EPA WaterSense, ["Start Saving"](#), 2024.

MYTH: All the casinos and new developments are using up our water.

FACT: The Las Vegas Strip only uses **7% of all of the water provided to Southern Nevada**, and a large portion of that use is indoor water use – meaning it can be reused and returned to Lake Mead after use.

Some of the more noticeable water uses (like the Bellagio fountains) source brackish water (water that is unfit for consumption) from private wells that have **no impact** on the community's water supply.



Southern Nevada Water Authority, ["Water You Say?"](#), 2019.