

Water Conservation Concerns

- Over 50% of landscape water is wasted due to overwatering, inefficient watering practices, and broken or poorly maintained irrigation systems.
- Municipal water conservation is expected to account for approximately 7% of new water supplies by 2060. Part of this conservation will be achieved through education.

AgriLife Extension's Response

- *Water My Yard* is an innovative program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in collaboration with water districts, cities, and public utilities.
- The goal of the program is to help homeowners use science-based methods to determine exactly how much water to apply when irrigating their lawns and landscaping. Applying the right amount of water will conserve water resources for the future and save homeowners money.
- While employing simple, intuitive images and information prompts, the *Water My Yard* website

recommends the amount of time homeowners need to run their irrigation system to keep their lawn healthy, without overwatering.

Economic Impacts

- The economic benefit of the *Water My Yard Program* was measured in terms of water savings and water-cost savings associated with efficient water-saving practices.
- Currently, there are over 6,100 participants in the *Water My Yard Program*, with estimated total water savings of 502 million gallons per year, which equates to a water-cost savings of \$1.8 million.

