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Water means summer fun!



We use a lot more water in the summer- playing, washing and watering- two to four times as much as we use the rest of the year! Whether you have a well, or are on a community water supply, it's a good idea to keep an eye on how much water you are using and reduce where you can. Check out this great infographic from the EPA for some ideas on how to conserve water with your outdoor water use: [Summer Watersense Infographic](#)

If you have a well and a water softener, consider this before doing your outside watering:

Softened water has been treated, with sodium or potassium, to help remove minerals from hard water. Most of the time it is not a good idea to water your garden with softened water because of the high amount of salt. The sodium in softened water actually interferes with the water balance in the plants and can kill plants by "fooling" them into thinking they have taken up more water than they have, and will build up in your soil making it difficult for future plants to grow. But you've got options!

- Your water softener has a bypass valve on it; switching the valve before watering will draw water without going through the softener first. Just remember to switch it back! Most water softeners are installed with a slide valve at the top of the salt reservoir tank. You can see an example below, circled in red, on a Kinetico system.
- You could also have a bypass spigot installed. A special spigot is installed on the exterior of your house that takes water from the water line before the water is treated in the water softener.
- You can also mix your softened water with collected rainwater or distilled water. This dilutes the effects of the salt in your softened water and makes it less harmful to your plants. But be aware that the salt in softened water will still build up in the soil.



Stay Dry, Well Owners!

Do you worry about a water leak in your basement? While it doesn't happen often, well tanks and water treatment systems can spring a leak. Even the most thorough inspection can't reveal when a pressure relief valve may blow or a brine drum will overflow, but there is a solution! There is now a product on the market that will turn your well pump off if a leak develops around the equipment. Please contact our office for more information about this preventative safety feature.

Meet Our Team

Anthony Speers, Service Technician

Anthony joined the Water-Flo technical team almost 2 years ago. Anthony's job is to provide our customers with great service, whether it's an emergency or just routine maintenance. Anthony grew up in Connecticut and lives in West Haven. When he's not helping our water and radon clients, Anthony enjoys bowling, golfing and planning his next Disney vacation with his daughter Ava. Anthony is a licensed journeyman and brings his experience and skills to help solve Water-Flo customers problems. His mantra? "Always end the night with a positive thought."



Ask The Expert

Questions about your water or air quality? Here is your forum... Submit questions for next month and follow us on [FaceBook!](#)

Question: What does water hardness really mean?

Answer:



Water hardness is a measure (in grains per gallon [gpg]) of the amount of dissolved calcium and magnesium in the water. Did you know that as little as 6 grains of hardness per gallon of water is equivalent to 75 pounds of rock going through your pipes, water heater and appliances over a year?! That can be a lot of stress on your systems!

Please contact Water-Flo if you have any questions about your water system.

More tips and answers to your questions can be found at our website: www.waterflo.com

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