

## HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Water conservation is a top priority in our community. Austin began strengthening its conservation program in 2006, and Austinites responded. Total water use is now at levels comparable to the late 1990s, even as we've added over 300,000 new customers.

Conservation is a great way to ensure that water is available for future generations. It can also help you lower your water bills. Many water-saving measures cost little or nothing to do. You only need to make small changes to your normal routine. Visit [WaterWiseAustin.org](http://WaterWiseAustin.org) to find tips, rebates, and giveaways to help you save both water and money at home and at work.

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# WATER FORWARD

## Austin's Integrated Water Resource Plan

### WHY DO WE NEED THIS PLAN?

Austin is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. Currently, all of Austin's drinking water comes from the Colorado River, an important supply for our water future.

With a rapidly growing city and a changing climate, Austin Water is working with other City departments, a citizen Task Force, and the community to develop a water plan for the next century.

This water plan will help ensure a diversified, sustainable, and resilient water future while maintaining a strong emphasis on conservation.

### WHAT IS IT?

This 100-year plan will recommend strategies to help manage our water and meet our community's future water needs.



### WHAT IS THE PROCESS?



Summer 2016 ..... Late 2017

In the early stages, we'll work to understand community values and identify different strategies. We'll evaluate options and develop recommendations to include in what is called an "integrated water resource plan." Community input and feedback will be essential.

### HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- Visit the website: [austintexas.gov/waterforward](http://austintexas.gov/waterforward) and leave a question or comment
- Sign up for our monthly eNewsletter
- Visit a monthly Task Force meeting or watch meetings online
- Look for us at local events

