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THE HEAT IS ON: IS YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM WORKING? *Glendale Water Services Department provides free resources to help customers find and fix irrigation leaks*

Glendale, Ariz. – Irrigation systems get the biggest workout of the year in July and August. Don't let your landscaping soak your pocketbook by letting leaks go unnoticed and unfixed. The city of Glendale Water Services Department provides customers with free resources to help them maintain an attractive and water-efficient yard.

Summer is when there is peak demand for water to keep lawns, gardens and landscapes healthy and green in the Valley. As much as 50 percent of the water used for irrigation systems is wasted due to evaporation, runoff, overspray and leaks.

Follow these simple irrigation tips to reduce water waste:

- Inspect your irrigation system while it is running to look for leaks and overspray
- Direct the spray away from driveways, sidewalks, streets and fences
- Replace missing or broken drip emitters, sprinkler heads and bubblers
- Turn your irrigation controller off when it rains at least one-half an inch

Glendale water customers can learn about other ways to save water through free print and online resources offered by Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Division:

- *Landscape Watering by the Numbers: A Guide for the Arizona Desert.* This will help you determine how much water to apply and how long to run your irrigation system. Call 623-930-3535 or download it at www.wateruseitwisely.com.
- *Smart Home Water Guide.* This will help you find and fix indoor and outdoor leaks. Call 623-930-3535 or download it at www.smarthomewatguide.org.

- Find an Irrigation Association certified professional to design, install, maintain and audit your irrigation system at www.smartscape.org or www.irrigation.org/hirecertified.

For more information, call 623-930-3535 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation/.