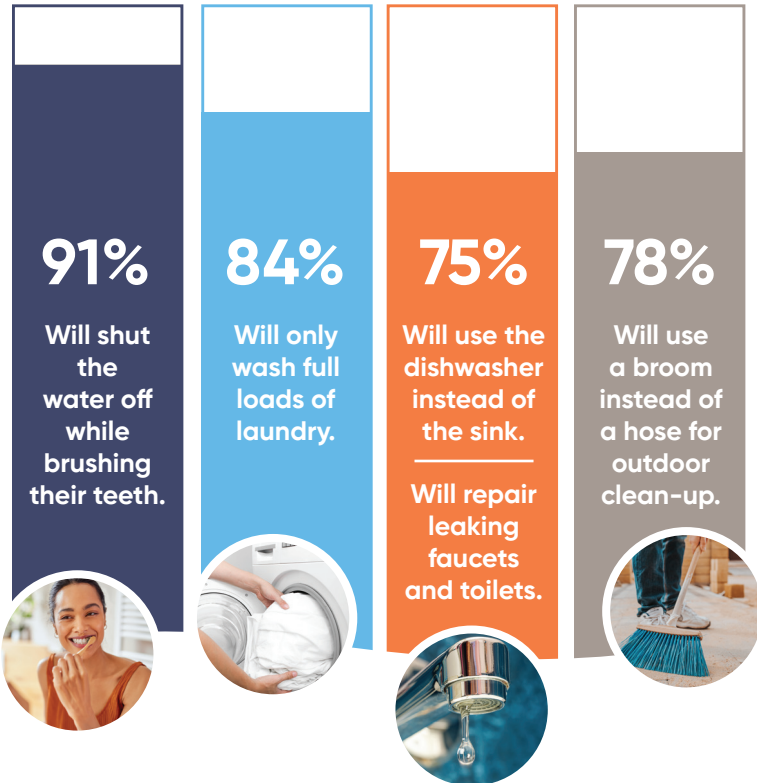


Making every drop count: Challenge Winners Revealed!



The results are in! During April's Water Conservation Challenge, residents across Grand Prairie Water Commission communities stepped up to make simple everyday changes to their water usage that add up to big impacts with the goal to conserve water.

Minooka will be taking home the traveling trophy this year! The Village had the largest number of participants and will be presented with the trophy at their next board meeting. Congratulations to this year's community winners and thank you to everyone who participated. Your efforts prove that when small actions are multiplied across a community and a region, they make a big difference.



CONTRACTOR INFORMATION EVENT



On May 20th, the Grand Prairie Water Commission hosted a virtual contractor information event focused on upcoming bid opportunities. Nearly 50 contractors registered, highlighting the strong interest and momentum surrounding this transformative regional investment.

Program FUNDING UPDATE

A major milestone for the Grand Prairie Water Commission and our communities! In March, the Commission closed on a \$610 million WIFIA loan to help fund critical infrastructure construction.



On May 24th, GPWC Commissioners met with Senator Duckworth to discuss the program and future funding opportunities.

Community SPOTLIGHT ROMEOVILLE

- Romeoville continues preparing for the transition to Lake Michigan water with major infrastructure improvements focused on long-term reliability and water quality.
- To help reduce water loss and modernize the system, the Village has completed 2.5 miles of water main replacement this year, with 4 additional miles planned in summer 2027. More than 7,300 water meters have also been replaced to improve system efficiency and water use accuracy.
- In May 2026, the Illinois EPA approved the Village's Corrosion Control Study following extensive testing of copper pipes with Lake Michigan water to ensure a smooth and safe transition of water sources.
- Planning and design are moving forward on a new receiving and pumping station near Lukancic Middle School. The facility will feature two 1.5 million-gallon storage tanks and a high-capacity pump station planned for construction in 2028.
- Additional infrastructure improvements include upgrades at the Airport Road pumping station and construction of a new elevated water tower in the Marquette Business Park beginning in Fall 2026 to improve water pressure and fire protection throughout the community.

Conservation CORNER

Summer is finally here! That means longer days, hotter nights, and higher water usage. From watering gardens to filling pools, outdoor water use can increase significantly during the warmer months. The good news? A few simple changes can help you save water while keeping cool all summer long.

Beat the heat and help save water with a few easy changes at home:

- Raise your mower blade slightly; taller grass helps retain moisture.
- Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater for flowers and gardens.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge for quick refreshment to avoid running water until it's cool.



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