

EPCOR ESSENTIALS

MAY 2023

Spotlight on Safety

Every year, the AZ Water Association recognizes public and regulated water and wastewater providers with safety accolades at its annual water conference in Phoenix. This year, we were proud to receive 30 new awards for operational excellence and safety across our Arizona service districts. We appreciate the AZ Water Association's continuing to encourage and recognize excellence in our state's water and wastewater industries.



National Drinking Water Week May 7–13

We all care about clean, reliable drinking water. EPCOR tests the water in your system every day and year after year. The water in all our districts meets or exceeds strict state and federal safety standards. You can learn more about what's in your water from the annual water quality report prepared specifically for your service district. Reports are issued each June, so be on the lookout for news about your 2022 report next month. You can also visit www.epcor.com/waterquality for more information about water quality.



Xeriscape Principles

A well-designed Xeriscape landscape saves water by using plants that are beautiful, native and adaptable to our climate. Check out the [seven principles of Xeriscape listed below](#), and consider adding low-water-use plants to your yard this planting season.

1. Planning and design
2. Soil improvements
3. Efficient irrigation
4. Plant zones
5. Mulches
6. Turf alternatives
7. Maintenance

The EPA's Proposed Limit on Forever Chemicals

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a category of widely used, long-lasting chemicals that break down slowly and can build up in our environment, food supply and bodies over time. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new proposal would regulate PFOA and PFOS to a combined maximum contaminant level of four parts per trillion (ppt) in addition to monitoring four other PFAS – PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and GenX chemicals. For context, one ppt is the equivalent of 1 second in 31,500 years. If finalized, EPCOR would be required to monitor for these chemicals and, if the levels exceed the proposed regulatory standards, treat for them. As always, EPCOR will continue to ensure our water meets or exceeds EPA requirements.

Check For Leaks During National Infrastructure Week

What is your water infrastructure like? During National Infrastructure Week, we're sharing more about how you can check for leaks to make sure your system is maximized for safety, efficiency and environmental sustainability.

- Look for wet spots under your dishwasher, washing machine and all sinks.
- Turn off all water and look at your water usage meter. If the leak indicator is moving or the leak symbol is displayed it's time to find a leak on your property.



SPRINKLER SYSTEM CHECKLIST

Follow this list to spruce up your system before summer.

Update frequency settings and timers

Check for puddles or overspray on sidewalks and driveways

Only water in the early morning or evening

Pause your schedule after it rains



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