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PROTECTING ARIZONA'S LIFELINE

In Arizona, we know that thriving in the desert is only possible if we are **responsible stewards of our Colorado River water allocation**. These are just a few of the many facts that demonstrate how our state is made up of the **most water-conscious cities and communities in the United States**.

Lower Basin Facts

- California, Arizona and Nevada have exceeded their joint pledge to **conserve three million acre-feet of water in Lake Mead by 2026** — delivering the target a **full year early**.
- By the end of 2026, the three states will have generated **up to 3.7 million acre-feet of verified, audited conservation**, safeguarding the Colorado River system at a pivotal moment.
- For more than a decade, the Lower Basin states and Mexico have made voluntary contributions that have **added nearly 157 feet to Lake Mead**.

Arizona Facts

- Arizona is using **less water today** than in the 1950s despite a population growth of **more than 500%**.
- Arizona has made extensive investments toward **reuse** with more than **95% of effluent produced going to a beneficial reuse**. Phoenix area providers are investing billions into infrastructure to deliver **ultra-pure recycled water starting as early as 2028**.
- As a result of 40+ years of **focused conservation programs**, the number of grass lots in Phoenix declined from a high of 70-90% in the 1970s to **less than 7% today**.
- Arizona has some of the **most progressive water management laws** in the nation.

City Facts

Buckeye

Buckeye, Arizona's largest city by land area, plans growth with purpose—implementing conservation policies and infrastructure investments that ensure a secure water future for families, farms, and businesses.

Casa Grande

Casa Grande's has developed a long-term plan that includes reducing turf areas and replacing them with attractive, low-water desert landscaping.

Coolidge

The Pinal Valley Recharge and Recovery Facility spans 66 acres and can supply enough water for 40,000 homes every year, securing the city's future water supply.

Gilbert

Gilbert achieved 100% water reuse, using reclaimed water for irrigation and recharge, and saving 331 million gallons in 2024 alone through its Water Wise programs.

Glendale

Glendale's rebate program has helped residents convert grassy lawns to drought-resilient xeriscapes—replacing more than 100 acres, serving more than 5,200 households and saving more than 100 million gallons of water per year.

Mesa

Mesa offers community rebates and incentives to promote conservation through efficient appliances, landscaping, and irrigation practices.

Phoenix

Phoenix leads in water innovation—cutting per-person water use by 30% over the last 30 years and meeting its 155-gallon-per-day goal five years early. The city offers incentives for residents, businesses and HOAs to replace decorative grass with native landscaping and improve indoor efficiency.

Queen Creek

Queen Creek secured a 100-year water supply, including 45,000 acre-feet from Bartlett Dam and another 10,000+ acre-feet from the Harquahala Basin for future growth.

Scottsdale

Scottsdale promotes desert-friendly landscaping through turf removal and water tech rebates, saving millions of gallons each year. The city's Xeriscape Garden and park programs have conserved more than 3 billion gallons in the past 25 years.

Tucson

Tucson implemented one of the first citywide reclaimed water utility systems in the country, from prohibiting the use of non-functional turf in new developments to keeping contaminants like PFAS out of our water supply.

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