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## **THE PHOENIX MAYOR'S SAVE WATER PLEDGE NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Cooler weather, cloudy skies, and rainy showers are here to remind us to think about how we use (and don't use) water! Give thanks to nature this holiday season as we refresh our knowledge of Pledge item number 1: Keep water in mind. Wayne Drop loves leftovers, so remember: rain will water your landscape *for* you, cooler weather means plants won't *roast* like a turkey, and November is the *perfect* time to install some desert-adapted plants in your yard!

Want to do more to be Water Smart? Catch up on the four Save Water Pledge items and learn about events, programs, classes, and more below!

- 1. Keep Water in Mind.**
- 2. Find and Fix Leaks.**
- 3. Water With the Weather.**
- 4. Choose EPA WaterSense Labeled Products.**

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH:**



## Picture This: A World of Water Photo Contest

The [WRRC Annual Photo Contest](#) [5 clicks](#) is back! This is your chance to capture *A World of Water*, which is the 2025 contest theme. Use your creativity and technical ability to express the many ways water transforms our world and how humanity transforms water.

We invite you to **capture how water connects to people, nature, the built environment, and agriculture**. It's completely up to you. Just make sure your photos relate to water and that you indicate where each image was taken. We can't wait to see your amazing images! Check out [last year's winners](#). [11 clicks](#)

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## Join Us at an Event this Fall!

We have some exciting events coming up and would love to see you there! One of which is the youth **Pendergast Water Festival**, where you can make a splash in your community with the Phoenix Water Conservation Office as a volunteer! We are looking for engaged residents like you to help facilitate the **Pendergast Water Festival** on **December 11** from approximately **7 AM-3PM**. **Volunteers will be trained by Project WET trainers** in how to

engage with students and teach various water resources and water conservation activities (training will be sent via email after sign-up).

If you have any further questions, please email [wyattortega@arizona.edu](mailto:wyattortega@arizona.edu) for more information. We hope to see you there!

**Visit the Arizona Project WET volunteer page to sign up!**

**Upcoming Events:**

- [Portal to the Past Festival](#) **1 click** (11/22)
- [APS Electric Light Parade](#) **2 clicks** (12/6)
- [Pendergast Water Festival](#) **5 clicks** (volunteers needed) (12/11)
- [Hike Right PHX: Piestewa](#) **6 clicks** (12/28)
- ... and more to come!

The graphic features a blue background with a list of five classes and their dates. At the bottom, there is a blue button with the text '6 - 7:30PM'. The background is decorated with illustrations of desert plants and trees. In the top right corner, there is a white box with the text 'PRESENTED BY:' and logos for 'Watershed Management Group' and 'PHX WATER SMART'.

**HYDRATE PHOENIX  
CLASSES 2025**

PRESENTED BY:  
Watershed Management Group  
PHX WATER SMART

OCT 1 | Vegetable Gardening in the Low Desert  
OCT 8 | Sonoran Desert Harvesting  
OCT 15 | Native Landscape Care  
OCT 22 | Designing a Water Harvesting Landscape  
OCT 29 | Selecting Native Plants for Multiple Benefits

**6 - 7:30PM**

**Missed the Hydrate Phoenix Classes? Catch Up Here!**

The Watershed Management Group and the City of Phoenix Water Services Department hosted the annual Hydrate Phoenix classes last month. This five-class series covered several topics on what Water Smart living can look like across the Valley. Weren't able to join us? **The recorded classes are now uploaded to our website, just click link below!**

**Hydrate Phoenix Recorded Classes** **1 click** .



# PHX WATER SMART TEACHING

## Interest Form: Water Smart Teaching Educator Cohort

Are you a PHX educator wanting to learn more about water and join a community? Check out our **NEW Educator Cohort** kicking off soon! Cohort members will meet infrequently throughout the year to explore new ideas, deepen their water knowledge, and celebrate their successes together.

Fill out this form if you are a PHX educator (in or out of the classroom) **interested in joining the Educator Cohort** and want to stay in the know about next year's Water Smart Teaching workshops. Or, share with an educator in your life!

Fill out this interest form to join the Educator Cohort! [2 clicks](#)

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOUR PLEDGE ITEMS



The first Pledge item is to ***keep water in mind*** in our daily lives.

Think you're a master water-saver? Put your knowledge to the test, and maybe you'll discover more ways to save with our partner, Water Use it Wisely! The [100+ Ways to Conserve Water](#) [2 clicks](#) resources will be sure to help you keep water in mind.

Whether for personal care, outdoor watering, or other daily habits, we can keep water in mind while making these choices. Check out our own tips too by visiting the [Keep Water in Mind Pledge web page here](#).

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The second Pledge item is to ***find and fix leaks***.

Remember: Your sight, hearing, and smell, plus [leak-detecting resources from our partner AMWUA](#), can help you find and fix leaks before they become a problem!

Consider signing up for a free Water Efficiency Consultation at your home from a Phoenix water professional. Visit our [Water Efficiency Consultation web page here](#) **1 click** to learn more.

Find more tips and resources on the [Find and Fix Leaks Pledge web page here](#).



The third Pledge item is to ***water with the weather***.

This fall, make a plan to plant! Fall is the perfect time to plant a desert garden, since the temperatures cool off and allow your plants to establish themselves. Visit this link to get inspiration: [Desert Landscapes in Your Front Yard](#) **2 clicks**. You can find more desert-adapted/low-water-use plants at [our partner AMWUA's website here](#). Remember, as the temperatures cool off, you should water your plants less. See our partner [Water—Use It Wisely's watering guide here](#) to learn more.

To learn more about how to make the most of our desert rain, [visit the Water with the Weather Pledge web page here](#).

And remember... **Don't gobble up water, plants won't roast for another five months!**



The fourth Pledge item is to **choose EPA WaterSense-labeled products.**

Did you know? **The City of Phoenix has FOUR incentive programs to help you save water AND money!** Visit the [Incentives page](#) **1 click** and learn about how you can upgrade your irrigation controller or toilet. Check out our Grass Removal Program, too!

Not a Phoenix resident and unsure if your city has water-saving incentives? Many retailers and cities tell you on their website! Do not forget to check your city's website or ask a home retail store associate for more details.

**Wondering which products to choose?** Visit the [EPA WaterSense page](#) and their [product page](#).

To learn more about how to save water with your appliance choices, visit the [water-wise upgrade Pledge page](#).

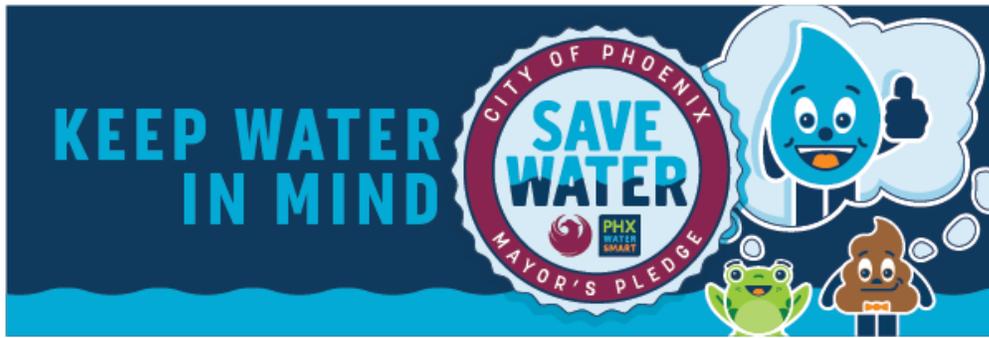
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## YOUTH SAVE WATER PLEDGE

**Kids can take the Save Water Pledge, too!** Want to encourage your children or students to join fellow water-wise youths? Click each image below to learn more about the Youth Pledge!

Take the youth pledge [here](#), or print a PDF copy [here](#). Kids can also visit the [Youth Water Scholars Center](#) to brush up on their water resources and conservation knowledge.

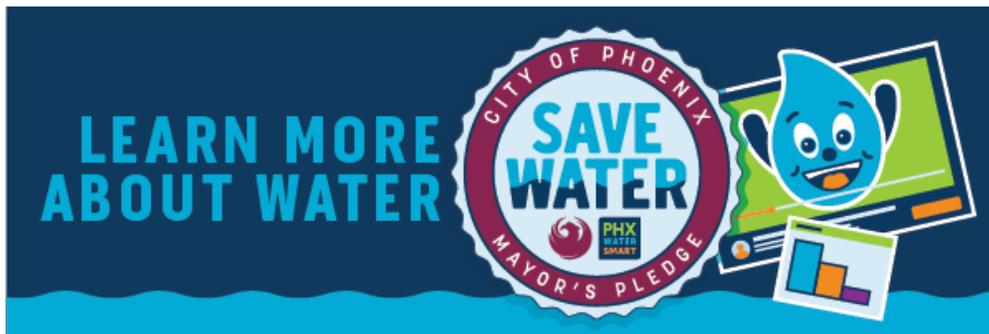
**Youth Pledge Item #1: Keep water in mind!**



**Youth Pledge Item #2: Be a leak detective!**

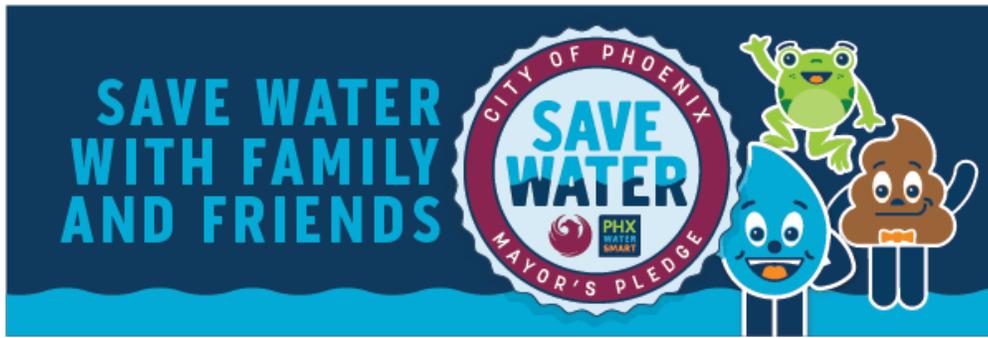


**Youth Pledge Item #3: Learn more about water!**



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**Youth Pledge Item #4: Save water with family and friends!**



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## THANK YOU FROM PHOENIX MAYOR KATE GALLEGO

Thank you for joining me, Mayor Kate Gallego, in taking the Phoenix Save Water Pledge! In celebration of our first year, I'm pleased to announce that the Pledge will not only be renewed but will become a permanent campaign to embody our community's commitment to water stewardship and responsibility.

Whether you have been committed to the Phoenix Save Water Pledge since its launch or have just recently signed up, I encourage you to spread the word of its continuation, stay true to your commitments, and keep our momentum strong. Together, we will continue to make efficient and responsible water use a habit in our daily lives!

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

To learn more about the Pledge, visit [phoenix.gov/SaveWaterPledge](https://phoenix.gov/SaveWaterPledge). To learn more about water conservation, consider these options:

- Follow us on all social media (@phxwater) and share your water-saving successes!
- Bookmark the Save Water web page, [phoenix.gov/SaveWater](https://phoenix.gov/SaveWater).

- Join us at [community events](#).
- Invite your younger family members, friends, and students to take the pledge with you! Find the Youth Save Water Pledge [here](#).

Staying connected with us can help you achieve your water-saving goals!

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT PLEDGE-TAKERS CAN GET PRIZES?

Grab your Save Water Pledge magnet, sticker, and pencil at your local Phoenix Public Library location! Just show your pledge confirmation email or this monthly newsletter to a library employee at the counter, and ask if you can pick up your Pledge merchandise.

If you see our table at events, you may also be able to pick up our new canvas tote bags and/or a wildflower seed packet! Be sure to stop by and say hello!

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## DO YOU ENJOY THE SAVE WATER PLEDGE NEWSLETTER?

If you found this newsletter enjoyable or helpful, why not spread the word? Consider sharing this newsletter with three family members, friends, colleagues, or others in your life. Take the Save Water Pledge together! Share your **#PHXSaveWaterPledge** journey on social media for the possibility of getting shared on our page.

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You are receiving this e-mail since you signed up for The Phoenix Mayor's Save Water Pledge.

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