

How Water Budgets Can Increase Flexibility for Irrigation Professionals

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Water budgets have been a water management tool for golf courses, parks, and large commercial properties for some time now, particularly in the drought-stressed western regions. As the tools and information needed to manage residential irrigation are becoming readily available, some utilities are beginning to adopt residential water budgets as a viable conservation measure. The authors of this paper will discuss:

- What is a water budget
- How a water budget works
- The necessary tools and information needed to develop a water budget
- The benefits to the irrigation industry of using water budgets
- How a water budget will help your clients
- Ways in which a water budget provides you with more flexibility

As more utilities adopt water budgets it is incumbent upon irrigation professionals to develop a thorough understanding of this excellent water management tool.