

Save Money while *Saving Water!*



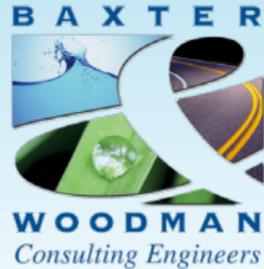
Residents are conserving water and saving on their bill by...

- Selecting seed that is more drought-tolerant than bluegrass, such as native groundcover.
- Promoting deep roots by keeping grass taller than two inches. Taller grass better tolerates dry conditions.
- Weeding dry lawns by hand. Control weeds to reduce competition for soil moisture, but do not fertilize a dry lawn – high concentrations of nutrients can draw needed moisture out of grass.
- Directing downspouts to planting beds and lawns where the water can soak in.
- Learning to live with temporary brown-outs. A few weeks of dormancy will not hurt a healthy lawn.



For more info visit: www.cityofelgin.org/green

**The City of Elgin Sustainability Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month, 6 PM
at the Centre of Elgin's West Conference Room, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120**



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