

Appendix C: Irrigation Targets

Meters that are read only during non-winter months are referred to as irrigation-only accounts. Under the Department of Public Utilities rate structure, irrigation-only accounts receive a water-use target based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to the total area being irrigated, historical evapotranspiration data (ET), landscape coefficients, and demand levels, with each account receiving a unique target. The formula used to calculate each water-use target was developed by the Utah State University, utilizing local ET data.

Water used within the target will be billed, per unit, in Tier 2; water consumption exceeding the target will be billed, per unit, in Tier 3.

All water customers receiving a water target should strive to maintain their irrigation system in optimum operating standards to maximize efficiencies and minimize water waste. During periods of declared water shortages, irrigation-only accounts may be called upon to make measurable reductions in outdoor water consumption so as to help in reducing overall water demand.

For information on how to save water in the landscape, refer to Appendix F: Best Management Practices for the Green Industry, or visit www.slcsaveh2o.com.