

## FUGITIVE WATER

What is “Fugitive Water?”

Fugitive Water means the pumping, flow, release, escape, spray, or leakage of water from any pipe, valve, faucet, connection, diversion, well, or any other device onto adjacent property or the public right-of-way.

Are you guilty of providing fugitive water to our environment?

If you are, consider this: all water provided for Sun City West comes from pumping from an aquifer located below our community. This aquifer is large, but it is continually being drained and will not last forever.

### **Be a Steward of Water Conservation**

Please be a steward of water conservation in Sun City West by taking some or all the following suggestions:

#### **What you can do to save water**

If you want to reduce your water consumption or just make your home more efficient and save some money at the same time, [read on](#):

#### **Tips to reduce water wastage**

- Check your toilet for leaks regularly.
- Install a low flow shower head
- Replace older faucet aerators with new water efficient ones
- Install a high efficiency toilet.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Take a short, five-minute shower instead of a bath.
- Check your irrigation system. Look for leaks and avoid over-watering resulting in a FUGITIVE WATER situation.
- Get drought-conscious. Consider planting drought-tolerant plants and consider removal of non-essential grass areas.
- Use a cover to prevent evaporation from your pool or hot tub.
- Regularly check pipes, hoses and connections for leaks.

- Ensure the placement of your sprinkler waters your lawn, not your driveway or the street (FUGITIVE WATER).
- Use drought-resistant grasses like Bermuda instead of traditional Kentucky bluegrass, and avoid over-seeding in the winter.
- Use a broom to sweep sidewalks, not a hose.
- Don't leave the water running while washing your car, boat or RV. Always use a spray nozzle.

Finally, if you are considering a large water loss operation such as draining a swimming pool, remember the county recommends the water should remain on your property, not on the street, etc. A good solution is to utilize the wastewater cleanout piping on your property to send water into the Epcor wastewater system. There it will be collected, treated and sent to aquifer recharge ponds.

For more information about water issues in Sun City West, please contact PORA at 623-584-4288 and leave a message for David Hunter, chairman for the Water Committee. Thank you.