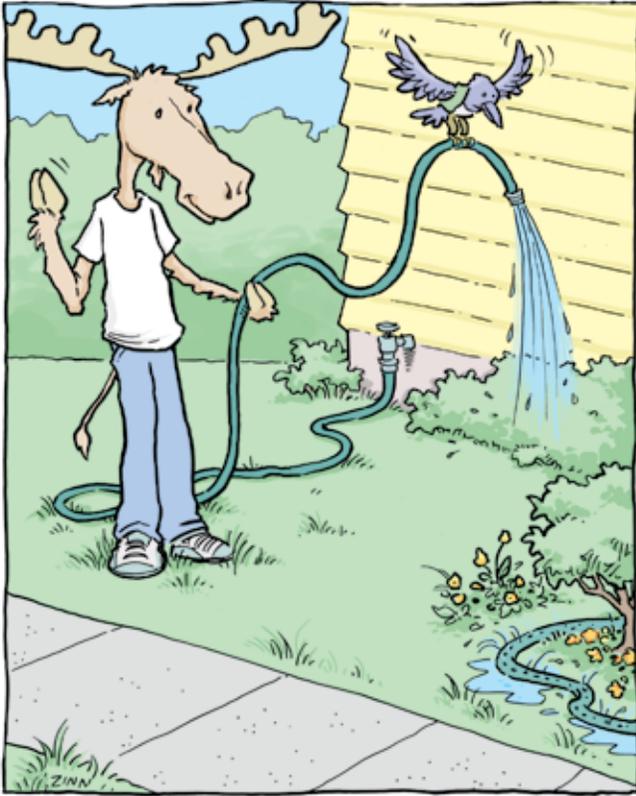


AWWU offers some tips for reducing water use and stormwater runoff this summer:



- **Don't overwater.** Step on the grass; if it springs back up when you remove your foot, the lawn does not need water.
- **Position sprinklers so that water lands on the lawn or garden,** not in areas where it is not needed. Spot watering may be all you need for drier areas.
- **Avoid watering when it is windy or in the heat of the day.** Wind and sun cause water to evaporate quickly and wind can blow water onto areas where it is not needed.
- Remember, **if it doesn't grow, don't water it!** We've all dodged sprinkler systems diligently watering the sidewalk or street.
- **Consider drip irrigation systems** around trees and shrubs. Drip systems permit water to flow slowly to roots, encouraging strong root systems. These systems cut down evaporation.

For more tips from AWWU for inside your home and out, visit http://www.awwu.biz/website/environment/environment_frame.htm.



Alaska Waste experiments with new "green" programs

Alaska Waste is most commonly known for its trash and curbside recycling services, but this spring the waste hauler will undertake two new pilot programs. While these are not services directly available to residents, we will all see the benefits of the projects and can support the businesses that participate.

Alaska Waste will begin collecting used cooking oil to be processed into biodiesel. Collection units have been installed in several restaurants and grocery stores and the waste oil will be processed into biofuel to run Alaska Waste's fleet of vehicles.

This spring Alaska Waste also will begin a composting pilot program. The company will operate an in-vessel composting unit that can process about 10,000 pounds of organics per day. Alaska Waste will not be accepting food or yard waste from the public yet, but the pilot program will help Alaska Waste gain a better understanding of the composting process and the challenges that Anchorage's unique weather conditions add to the equation. For more information, email recycling@akwaste.com.

Electronics Recycling

Stop by Total Reclaim's booth at the Green Fair on April 11 to pick up a coupon for \$10 off TV recycling, while they last.