

Manila Water Conservation Goal:

Decrease water usage per capita by 18% between 2015 and 2030. Prepare to meet future goals of 21% decrease by 2040. By our calculations, Manila has already reached the 18% reduction goal.

Manila Water Conservation Goal Implementation Plan:

The Town of Manila commits to the following tasks as part of their water conservation plan.

- Monitor water usage and notify and inspect customers who use abnormally high levels of water in their monthly usage reports.
- Ensure that ordinance 13.15.010 is followed and no sprinkler irrigation from culinary water is used between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- State waterwise guidelines recommend that all new developments adhere to the following landscaping standards:
 - No turf is allowed in park strips or areas less than 8 feet wide.
 - Landscaping for a new single-family dwelling should be completed as soon as possible. Turf area on the lot shall be limited to 45% of the total landscape area up to 10,000 sq. ft. No more than 50% of front and side yard landscaping may be lawn.
(This does not apply to lots with less than 250 sq. ft. of landscape area.)

The Town should consider adopting these landscaping guidelines as municipal ordinances for all new developments. The Manila Planning Commission will consider the ordinance and, if appropriate, draft and propose it to the Town Council. In addition, agency facilities should follow these guidelines and use efficient irrigation and smart controller technology.

- Consider creating and adopting a drought contingency plan.
- Review rates at least every 5 years and update them as needed.
- Distribute water conservation tips for each connected household with monthly billing reports.
- Give a presentation on water conservation to a public group at least every other year.
- Review Water Master Plan every 5 years and review water conservation as part of that. Analyze per capita usage to ensure the conservation goal continues to be met. Public outreach goal compliance will be assessed. If goals are not met, discuss additional measures needed to improve performance, such as a dedicated water conservation manager.

For more details on the water conservation goal and plan, see the Manila Water Conservation Plan 2025, especially sections 6 and 7.