

## ***Water Use Reduction and Efficiency* Points: 10**

### **19.) Government Water Audits**

Conduct water audits (indoor and outdoor) of existing local government facilities and implement recommendations -or- Engage in performance contracting for water use in government buildings.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE**

The local government has a plan to improve indoor and outdoor water efficiency at its facilities by performing water audits and/or engaging in performance contracting for buildings owned by the local government. To receive credit for this measure, at least 20% of the local government's buildings must be audited and/or under a performance contract for water efficiency when documents are submitted for Green Communities Certification. Additionally, a plan must exist that ensures all existing buildings will be audited or under a performance contract within two years.

#### **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT**

- ✓ A copy of the implementation plan for auditing or having under a performance contract local government buildings
- ✓ A list of the existing local government owned buildings
- ✓ Documentation of each building audited
- X A copy of the performance management contract for each building under performance contract

The Douglas County Department of Property Management is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all of Douglas County's buildings. They also have recently begun a program for the purpose of auditing the water usage of all Douglas County owned buildings/property. To date water usage has been documented for 2007 and we are in the process of completing 2008 and 2009 to date. Also, upgrades to low-flow fixtures have been made to all non low-flow fixtures in 100% of the buildings owned by Douglas County.

When the Douglas County Courthouse was built in 2000, low flow fixtures were installed at that time. We also had low flow irrigation heads and rain sensors installed on the irrigation system during the summer of 2008.