USU Extension Launches Water Website

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LOGAN – Utah is the second driest state in the nation based on average annual precipitation, yet among the top per capita users of water. To assist Utah residents in managing this important resource, Utah State University Extension recently launched a website to link users to Extension water programs. USU Extension specialists are among the nation’s leading experts on many water-related issues, and the website serves as a one-stop resource for information.

extension.usu.edu/water includes information about water quality, the Center for Water-Efficient Landscaping, Irrigation, WaterMAPS (Management Analysis and Planning Software) the Utah Climate Center and information on the 2015 USU Year of Water.

“The goal of USU Extension is to provide research-based information and tools to help people improve their lives, and that includes helping agencies and the public use our water resources as wisely as possible,” said Larry Rupp, USU Extension landscape horticulture specialist. “If we use wisdom, we should be able to conserve water and maintain the quality of life we enjoy from agriculture, landscaping, rivers and everything else water brings to a desert."

Extension water research is an important resource to Utahns as drought in the West continues. And with the recent signing of Utah Governor Gary Herbert’s executive order mandating water conservation measures at state-run facilities, more Utahns will be looking to adopt long-term water conservations practices.

Further information on water management and conservation is included in a recently released video, USU Extension Water Impacts included on the new website.

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