About the Scorecard

The 2022 U.S. State Policy Scorecard for Water Efficiency and Sustainability evaluates and scores U.S. states by their adoption of policies and laws that advance water efficiency, conservation, and sustainability. The Scorecard is intended to encourage further legislative action at the state level.

Priority Scoring Factors

The categories below are highlighted in order to encourage states to make the most progress in heavily weighted sectors.

Plumbing Fixture Standards and Codes

*When the median = 0, at least half of the states still have not adopted this critical policy.

Water Loss Control

Water Conservation Planning

Drought Preparedness Planning

Climate Action Planning

Water-Land Use Planning Integration

State Funding for Water Efficiency Programs

State-provided Technical Assistance for Water Efficiency

Rate Structures that Encourage Conservation

State Funding for Water Bill Assistance

State Funding and Support for Water Reuse

Accounting for Energy Savings from Water Efficiency

Completion of Survey

Comparing Minnesota Against Other U.S. States

AWE’s 2022 U.S. State Policy Scorecard for Water Efficiency and Sustainability

Recommendations for Minnesota

✓ Adopt laws and codes for high efficiency fixtures
✓ Require water utilities to develop and implement climate change plans
✓ Require coordination between land use and water planning