

Watering Restrictions

To ensure that there will be sufficient water available to satisfy our municipal needs during peak summer demand times, Council has passed a

Lawn Water Regulation

By-Law #2001-021

Residential lawn watering is permitted for up to a 2.5 hour period. Weather conditions and customer compliance will determine if more stringent restrictions will be needed.

Restrictions

Lawn watering is permitted for:
South of Holland St. & Bond Head

Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
7:30pm—11:00pm

North of Holland Street

Wednesday, Friday, & Sunday
7:30pm—11:00pm

No lawn watering is permitted on Mondays between June 1 and September 30.

Failure to comply will result in a fine.

**Fines range from
\$125.00—\$350.00**

Water Meters

A water meter is a measuring device used to monitor the volume of water your household uses. It may also play a major role in finding leaks. There is a low flow indicator which is calibrated to register even the smallest amount of water running anywhere in the house, making it easier to catch those leaks!



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Watering your Lawn

Grass needs water to stay green. Over watering a lawn can be just as problematic as if the lawn was

Residents are permitted to water their flowers and to wash their cars using a **hand held sprayer**

getting no water at all. Typically watering is rarely

needed in the spring and fall seasons as we receive more than enough rain. **In the summer when we have extended dry periods it is recommended you water slowly and deeply with 1 inch (25mm) of water per week, encouraging deep, strong root growth.** Water as infrequently as possible, once a week is ideal. **Resist the urge to water every second day.** When lawns are being watered too much and too often, this actually weakens your lawn which makes it more susceptible to disease, pests and drought. Avoid watering your lawn during the heat of the day, you will prevent scalding the grass, water droplets magnify the sun's rays in turn burning the grass.

Sod **shall not** be placed from June 1—Sept 1 of each year without Municipal Authorization

Also by watering when the sun's rays are low to the horizon, you decrease evaporation and more water gets into the lawn.

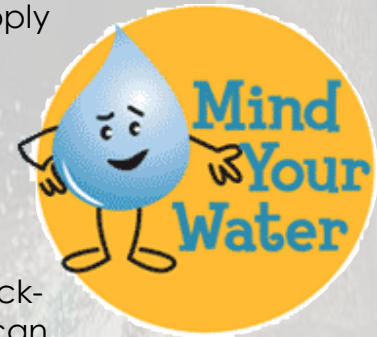
Did you know?

- 1 50% of lawn watering can be lost through evaporation by using incorrect sprinkler settings, or by run off due to excessive watering.
- 2 Lawns can only absorb 2.5cm of water at a time (about 1 hour of watering).
- 3 Rain is free! Use a rain barrel for plant watering and other outdoor uses.
- 4 A brown lawn does not mean the grass is dead; it is in a state of dormancy during dry periods to conserve the "crown" (small area inside at the base of the blade).
- 5 Yellow lawns are of greater concern: this signifies the lawn is waterlogged, possibly by watering more than 2.5cm per week or watering the same week as a rainfall.

Leaky Faucets

The majority of household leaks occur in faucets and showerheads. Washers and "O" rings become worn dried or cracked. Although this drip may seem harmless, a slow drip can waste anywhere from 30-50 cubic meters (6500-11000 gallons) of water per year. Repairing a leak can be very easy. Turn off the water supply to the faucet, replace the washer, and turn the water back on.

A garden hose mistakenly left trickling in the grass can waste 5-10 cubic meters of water in a one week period.



Replacing Your Toilet

Replacing a high volume toilet with an "ultra low flush UFL" toilet that uses only 6 liters of water per flush instead of the 13 or 20 liters saves money. You get the same flush power with a lot less water.

The older the toilet, the more water it uses per flush.

Toilet Age	Water/Flush
Prior to 1985	20+ Liters
1985 to 1995	13 Liters
Since 1996	6 Liters

The Ontario Building Code requires all toilets to be ULF and all showerheads to be low-flow since 1996.