

Saving water... don't waste a drop

Are you watering your lawn too much? With the recent warm weather, we would like to remind residents we are now at water conservation Level 3 and that most lawns only need one hour of sprinkling each week.

Water use doubles during the summer when seasonal rainfall and river flows are at their lowest. It is important to reduce outdoor water use throughout the summer to ensure we meet peak and emergency demands.

Water conservation *Level 3* allows a total of two hours watering per watering day. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm on an every other day basis. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days for no more than one hour in duration per period with a maximum of two hours of total allocated watering per day.

Vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers are restricted to a hand held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if watered outside of the times permitted.

Level 3 Restrictions

- No washing of driveways or sidewalks
- Must use a hose equipped with a shutoff device for vehicle and boat washing
- No filling of residential swimming pools. Wading pools, hot tubs, garden ponds and water features may be filled with water.

Here are some ways to save water:

- A healthy lawn only needs to be watered for one hour per week, less if it rains
- Let your lawn go dormant during the summer
- Most lawns only need 2.5 cm of water each week. Put an empty tuna can on the lawn when you sprinkle and turn off the tap when the can is full.
- To reduce evaporation, keep your grass clippings on the lawn and mulch in your garden.

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