

Outdoor water use rules

The Water Conservation By-law 07-069 is in effect every year from **May 31 to September 30**.

Only use water from **5:30–10 a.m.** and/or **7–11 p.m.**

1 Lawn watering

You can water lawns **once a week** on your assigned day.

If your address ends in:

0 or 1 – water on **Monday**

2 or 3 – water on **Tuesday**

4 or 5 – water on **Wednesday**

6 or 7 – water on **Thursday**

8 or 9 – water on **Friday**



Request a temporary permit for extra watering days for new seed/sod or nematodes.

2 Other water use

You can use water on **alternate days** for watering gardens, shrubs and trees, washing vehicles and topping up residential pools.

If your address ends in **1,3,5,7,9** you can use water on **odd-numbered calendar dates**.

If your address ends in **0,2,4,6,8** you can use water on **even-numbered calendar dates**.

Use a watering can **anytime!**



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Water smart landscape tips

Use water on the right day/time

Know your assigned days according to the Water Conservation By-law. Only water from 5:30–10 a.m. and/or 7–11 p.m.



Water early (from 5:30–10 a.m.)

Watering early is best for your grass and gardens. Midday wind and hot sun will evaporate the water meant for your plants.

Avoid overwatering your lawn

Just 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water per week promotes deep, healthy roots. Try placing a tuna can on your lawn. When it's full, your lawn has enough water for the week.



Use mulch to retain moisture

Apply mulch to gardens and/or leave grass clippings on lawns to reduce evaporation, improve soil health and keep plants cooler between watering.

Use low-water/native plants

Choose plants that don't need much water to thrive, suited to our local climate and soil conditions.

