

Water Saving Tips

In the Kitchen

Dishes: Wait until you have a full load before running the dishwasher.

Cleaning Fruits and Vegetables: Fill the sink or a bowl with clean water to wash your vegetation instead of running the faucet to save around 12 litres of water/minute

Drinking Water: Keep drinking water in the fridge or use ice for a refreshing drink rather than running the faucet for cold water.

In the Driveway

Sweep! Instead of hosing down a dirty driveway use a broom or rake to clear off debris to save thousands of litres of water.

Don't Wash! Washing your car uses about 500 litres of water. Turn off the hose when it's not in use or consider using products that don't use water at all and prevent runoff of chemicals into watersheds.

Around the House



In the Bathroom

Shower: Take shorter showers, turning off the water while soaping and shampooing before you rinse. Even reducing shower times by 1-2 minutes can save 2600 litres of water and reduce your utility costs.

Take showers instead of baths.

Brushing your Teeth: Turn the water off while brushing and fill a glass beforehand to rinse your mouth to reduce water flow from the faucet by 12 litres/minute.

Toilet: The toilet uses the most water of any appliance in your home. Check for leaks by adding food colouring to the tank. If it ends up in the bowl without flushing you have a leak. Leaks contribute to 14% of water waste and show up on your utility bill.

Consider retrofitting your toilet with a toilet dam to save water or replace it with a low-flush model to reduce the amount of water used by two-thirds.

Make every flush count!

In the Garden

Water Effectively

Trees and Shrubs: Water trees slowly, deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root systems. Install irrigation systems that concentrate water in the roots rather than using sprinklers which are inefficient.

Timing: Water early in the morning or late in the evening and only if absolutely necessary. This will reduce evaporation while improving absorption into the soil and plants.

Consider an automatic timer to regulate watering.



Trees and Shrubs

Drought Resistant Plants: Many native plants, bushes, trees and shrubs can survive on rainwater alone. Consider xeriscaping to further reduce water needs.

Water Collection

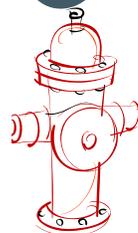
Rain Barrels and Water Totes: Purchase a rain barrel or water tote for long-term water, energy and utilities savings. Rain barrels and totes are often equipped with hose attachments to make watering plants and gardens easier.

Weather and Climate

Zone Appropriate Plants: Grow native flora to reduce excessive watering and prevent the need for fertilizers and other soil additives.

Weather Reports: Check the weather report regularly to ensure you don't overwater if there are rain showers expected.

Out and About



In the Neighbourhood

Report Leaks: If you notice a persistent puddle or leak around fire hydrants or on roadways or sidewalks, report it to the Town Office so they can be repaired.