

REDUCE SUMMER WATER USE

- Sweep off your driveway, patio and sidewalks with a broom instead of using a hose.
- Lawns can only absorb water so fast. It's better to water for three 10 minute sessions-with each session a half hour apart-than it is to water steadily for 30 minutes and cause run-off
- Don't over-water your lawn! Use an automatic water timer to avoid puddles and run-off .
- Fix leaks in your hose and replace worn out washers
- Water during off-peak hours (11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.) to reduce water demand during the summer 'peak' season.



TIP

Use a pail of soapy water to wash your car and rinse using a trigger hose nozzle. A garden hose left running can waste 20 litres of water per minute.

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Xeriscaping is water wise land-scaping that stresses proper soil preparation, efficient irrigation, and the use of water stingy plants. For homeowners, it means less maintenance, lower water bills.

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Homes having even numbered addresses may water on even numbered calendar days between 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight.

Homes having odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered calendar days between 12:00 noon and 12:00 midnight.



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SMART WATER TIPS



The Three Golden Rules Of Wise Water Use

Reduce

Be aware of the amount of water you and your family use and look for ways to use less whenever possible.

Repair

Most leaks are easy to locate and inexpensive to repair. A leak of one drop per second wastes about 10,000 litres per year.

Retrofit

Install water saving devices on existing fixtures and look for water efficient appliances and devices when replacing your older fixtures or appliances.

Bathroom

- Bathrooms may be small in size, but they're big when it comes to water use. Your toilet alone accounts for 1/3 of the water used in your home. Update your toilet to a low flush toilet and save water and energy.
- Don't keep the tap running while cleaning your teeth. Use a glass to rinse your toothbrush.

Rinsing with a toothbrush under a tap wastes about 4000 litres of water a year.

- A typical bath uses approximately 100 litres of hot water, while a 5-minute shower with an efficient showerhead will use about half of that, and will pay for it self in as little as four months.

faucet can reduce flow by up to 50%. Standard screen aerators do not reduce flow rate.

- Sink garbage disposals waste water and add unnecessary waste to the wastewater collection system and the wastewater treatment facility. Compost fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells, coffee grounds and other appropriate food wastes.

Laundry Room

- Wait until you have a full load of laundry before running the machine to save both water and energy. Consider a high efficiency clothes washer. It uses on average, 30% less water and 40-50% less energy.

Kitchen

- Only run your dishwasher when it is full to make the best use of water.
- Installation of a low flow aerator on your kitchen