

Some Water Conservation Facts

- More than 65% of residential water usage occurs in the bathroom
- A single dripping faucet can waste up to 10,000 litres of water per year
- Household water usage can increase by up to 50% in the summer months
- You can reduce water consumption by 10% - 40% without making any major lifestyle changes
- Most energy efficient appliances are also water efficient



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Why is Water Important?

Water is an essential commodity in our daily lives. It may be considered a renewable resource, but our supplies are not endless and every increase in demand for water places an additional strain on our system. As consumers, we have a responsibility to use our water more wisely.

By following some of these simple water conservation tips, you can save money and help us ensure a secure supply for future generations.

Saving Water Indoors



- When washing dishes, fill the sink rather than running water continuously. Leave your pots and pans for last and let them soak before washing.

- Wait to run the dishwasher or washing machine until you have a full load.
- Refrigerate a pitcher of drinking water rather than running the tap until the water is cold.
- Install low-flow faucets in sinks, showers and toilets.
- Check for leaks in and around faucets and toilets. (Drop dye tablets or food colouring in a toilet tank and if any colouring appears in the bowl without flushing, you know you have a leak.)
- Turn the water off while you are shaving, washing your face, or brushing your teeth.
- Take a shorter shower rather than a long one.
- Check your water meter at night before you go to bed and then again in the morning. If the number has increased, then you may have a leak

Saving Water Outdoors

- Do not overwater your lawn and garden. Two to three cm of water each week is adequate for a lawn.
- Use a trigger nozzle on your garden hose to control water flow. When washing a car, use a bucket, sponge and trigger nozzle instead of a running hose.



- Avoid using sprinklers set at mist or fine spray because water will be lost through evaporation.
- Make sure your sprinkler is not spraying water onto your driveway or sidewalk.



- Respect lawn watering bans. If one is not in place, water your lawn and garden before 9:00 am or after 7:00 pm to minimize water evaporation.
- Check your sprinkler or irrigation systems and garden hoses regularly for leaks.
- Cover an outdoor pool to keep it clean and reduce water evaporation.
- Use a rain barrel or other large suitable container with a spigot to collect rain water for your garden. Make sure to keep it covered to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. (See www.notl.org for information on the Town's rain barrel program.)
- The more soil depth, the more water is retained in your garden. Add two to four inches of organic material, such as compost or peat, to the soil to keep it moist.
- Native and adaptive plants require less water and are more resistant to local diseases and pests.