



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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Another hot summer is amongst us.
Here are some great water saving tips to use this year.

General

- 1 Repair interior leaks and report exterior leaks to public works. (250-542-3444)
- 2 Install low-flow devices on toilet, aerators, and shower heads.
- 3 Contemplate purchasing a high efficiency washing machine, they can save up to 50% water consumption and energy use.

Outside

- 1 Sweep your driveway and steps instead of spraying them with a hose.
- 2 Wash your car with a bucket or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- 3 When using hose, use a nose on the end to control the flow.
- 4 If you have a swimming pool, use a water-saving filter.
- 5 Also, for outside pool use reduce water inside pool to avoid splash out.
- 6 Use a pool cover to reduce pools evaporation when not in use.

Lawn and garden

- 1 Water lawn and garden in early morning to ensure proper absorption into soil. The optimal time is first sunrise to 10am
- 2 Deep rooted trees and shrubs require longer, less frequent watering. Short rooted plants need less, more often watering. Check in with local botanist if unsure.
- 3 Installing an irrigation timer.
- 4 Hand water garden and small plants shrubs oppose to using sprinkler.
- 5 Cut lawn at higher lengths to lower evaporation rate of grass.

Kitchen and laundry

- 1 Keep water in fridge instead of running faucet until cold for drinking.
- 2 Defrost frozen food in fridge overnight oppose to using water in kitchen sink.
- 3 Scrape instead of rinse dishes when loading dishwasher.
- 4 Run dishwasher when completely full.

Bathroom

- 1 Don't use toilet as waste basket.
- 2 Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving.
- 3 Take quick showers instead of baths, turn off water while shampooing or soaping.
- 4 Try to reuse water whenever, you can use extra water for hand watering plants.