

Much of the peak water consumption in summer is due to lawn and garden watering. Often water is applied inefficiently, resulting in significant wastage due to over watering, evaporation or run-off.

Established lawns generally require about 2.5cm (1 inch) of water per week to thrive. If this amount of rainfall is provided your lawn will thrive without supplemental watering.

The Town is aware that newly seeded or sodded lawns require more water to establish. There is no restriction on watering in these special circumstances.

Shrubs & Flower Garden Tips

- Direct water to the root system.
- Apply a layer of mulch about 5-7.5cm deep to retain moisture, moderate soil temperature, control erosion and suppress weeds.
- Use a soaker hose based at the base rather than a sprinkler.
- Grass under trees competes with tree's roots for water. Remove grass and place a layer of mulch which helps retain water.



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Water Conservation



Water Consumption
&
Water Saving Tips

Due to the recent hot and windy weather creating unusually dry conditions, the Town is asking all residents in White City to work together to reduce water consumption during the summer months.

We have been monitoring town water usage and in the period from Sunday June 4th to Monday June 5th alone we as a town consumed 2970m³ of water.

The Water Treatment Plant is currently able to treat 2300m³ of water daily and our reservoir is capable of holding 2900m³ of water.

Our goal is to keep water usage under 2200m³ at all times in order to ensure our reservoirs do not become depleted in case of fire emergency.

We will also be posting daily consumption statistics on the town website.

The town is asking that residents please attempt to water lawns during the early morning, late evening or over night and avoid watering during the middle of the day when temperatures are highest.

Please use the following watering schedule and adjust the timers on your watering system to reduce outdoor water usage.



YOUR WATERING DAYS

 Even Numbered Homes:
2nd, 4th, 6th, ..., 28th, 30th

 Odd Numbered Homes:
1st, 3rd, 5th, ..., 27th, 29th

General Tips

- Ensure your taps are tightened and there are no leaks inside or outside the home.
- Only operate outdoor water features when you are there to enjoy the.
- Consider drip or trickle irrigation systems.
- Use low rise sprinkler heads.
- Clean driveways with a broom, instead of a hose or pressure washer.
- Turn off your tap while you brush your teeth.

Lawn Tips

- Take note of how much rainfall you have received in the past week.
- Water in the early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Water on calm days to prevent wind drift.
- Avoid watering hard surfaces.
- Check your hose for leaks or blockages.
- Choose an efficient irrigation system.
- Don't water your lawn excessively. It can promote the growth of fungus and cause your lawn to yellow.
- Don't cut grass shorter than 6-8cm to ensure roots are well shaded.
- Aerate your lawn once a year in the early spring or fall.
- Apply nitrogen fertilizer to promote a healthy thick lawn.