



Town of Riverview
**WATER
CONSERVATION
PRACTICES**



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Why we need to
conserve water

During summer months, water consumption can increase significantly putting additional strain on our water distribution system (water pumps, reservoirs, treatment plants). The Town of Riverview's Water and Sewer By-Law 400-25-02 was implemented to help reduce water consumption during peak time of day demands and limit usage to lessen the strain on our water distribution system. This will help maintain good water pressure throughout town.

How much water
do we use?

On an average day, Riverview uses approximately 6,300,000 litres of water.

In the summer, we can use in excess of 10,000,000 litres of water per day, mostly for outdoor residential use, such as watering lawns and plants, washing cars, and for other recreational purposes. Since the system must be sized to meet these peak demands, if excessive use continues, the Town may have to spend capital dollars to increase the capacity of the water distribution system.

Water restrictions

Water hose regulations are necessary to reduce high-peak demand and conserve so that adequate amounts of water are available for all purposes and water pressure levels can remain steady for everyone.

The following restrictions are effective **from May 1 to September 30 every year** unless otherwise stipulated by Council, and pertain to any outdoor activity that requires the use of a water hose:



1) Use of an outdoor hose is allowed only **before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.**, and;



- a) On **odd-numbered** calendar days if you live at an **odd-numbered** address;
- b) On **even-numbered** calendar days if you live at an **even-numbered** address;
- c) For no more than one hour at a time (2 hours max per 24-hour period);



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Violations can be reported to By-law Enforcement

506-387-2256
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Exemptions

The restrictions listed do not apply to:

- businesses that must use water to operate, such as nurseries/garden centres;
- pools
- all-weather playing fields;
- new lawns installed within the last 30 days.

By-Law 400-25-02 Water and Sewer can be found at townofriverview.ca/town-hall/by-laws under the 'Public Works' tab.



Did you know?

- Lawn watering uses approximately 35% or more of the summer water consumption
- Leaky taps can waste as much as 300 litres of water per week
- Most lawns only require 2.5cm (1 inch) of water per week. Water your lawn in the morning to minimize the amount of evaporation. Aerating your lawn will help water to absorb into the soil and keep roots moist.

What to do during dry spells

- Let your lawn turn brown – it will recover in the fall when regular rain resumes.
- Mow high. Mow your lawn when the grass is 6-8 cm (2.5-3 in) high. It will develop a deep and extensive root system that retains moisture better.
- Keep your mower blades sharp. A dull blade tears grass and causes more moisture loss.
- Keep weeds out. Water hungry weeds soak up water.

Why are we required to water our lawns at certain times?

The designated watering times encourage watering during the coolest parts of the day, when the least amount of evaporation (due to the sun) will occur.



Are there other ways to water my garden?

Yes. Property Owners may use water not connected to the municipal water supply to water lawns and gardens at any time (rain water collected in buckets, barrels or cans).

Can I use water to fill hot tubs, swimming pools or garden ponds?

Property owners may fill hot tubs, pools, and garden ponds on alternate days (based on odd-numbered or even-numbered address) with time restrictions.



How does the Town of Riverview enforce the Water & Sewer By-Law?

The Town of Riverview's policy is to provide education, information and warning notices to encourage compliance with the Water By-Law. However, the Water and Sewer By-Law allows for enforcement through set fines or the issuance of a summons by Municipal By-Law enforcement officers.

