

To: Residents & Businesses of Holyrood
From: Mayor Goobie & Council
Re: Moving from Water Ban to Conservation Plan beginning
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 12:01 am

The Town's water system is currently functioning normal and as a result, the town will move from a Water Ban to a Domestic Water Conservation Plan.

The Domestic Water Conservation Plan applies to **ALL** domestic uses of water in the Town of Holyrood. We promote the wise use of our water supply systems. Town water is treated water and it costs a large sum of tax dollars to meet provincial water resource guidelines and added to the costs are locating & finding leaks. Upgrades and new infrastructure are ongoing.

SWIMMING POOLS

If you have an in-ground or above-ground pool and plan on filling it with Town water, **you are required to contact the Town Office for a permit and staff will coordinate appropriate times for you to avail of town water.** These times will be later in the evening and throughout the night.

Permit Cost for Swimming Pools- \$50 if you have not had a permit in the last 3 years. If you had a permit, cost is \$15 per 1000 gallons. If you only require a water top up in your pool, please estimate the number of gallons required.

WATERING LAWNS

- ⇒ The a.m. is the best time to water the lawn because the air is cooler and there's usually not much wind to blow the droplets.
- ⇒ In the middle of the day, water evaporates too quickly. In the evenings, water can cling to the blades of grass overnight, which can cause lawn diseases.
- ⇒ When people water lawns later in the evening, the water sits there and promotes fungus.
- ⇒ A wet lawn at night is the perfect condition for fungus to grow.
- ⇒ Along with mowing the grass too short, watering at night is about the worst thing to do for a lawn.

EXISTING LAWNS

Watering of existing lawns with a **sprinkler system** is restricted to two days per week, between the hours of **5:00 am – 8:00 am**, in accordance with the following schedule:

- ⇒ **Even** civic address numbers on **Wednesday and Saturday**
- ⇒ **Odd** civic address numbers on **Thursday and Sunday**

NEW LAWNS

New lawns and landscaping are **exempt** from the lawn watering restrictions for a period of 60 days following installation and plantation, however, watering is designated between the hours of **5:00 am-8:00 am**.

Hand watering of trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetable gardens with a water can or hose with an automatic shut off nozzle is permitted at any time.

Please contact the Town Office at 229-7252 to register your new lawn and/or to pick up a Swimming Pool Permit.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO SAVE WATER AND THEY ALL START WITH YOU

- ⇒ When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- ⇒ Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, driveway, or road.
- ⇒ Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 liters a month.
- ⇒ For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
- ⇒ Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap. Then collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, reuse it to water houseplants.
- ⇒ We're more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
- ⇒ Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 liters per month.
- ⇒ Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- ⇒ When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, and then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- ⇒ Collect water from your roof to water your garden.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

⇒ **Can my children use water toys – i.e. waterslides, slip -n- slides water sprinklers?**

Yes – But water should not be left running when children are not using these toys.

⇒ **Can I wash my car?**

Yes - Residential washing of cars is permitted with the use of a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle.

⇒ **Can I wash my driveway or parking lot?**

No – Washing of paved driveway or parking lot is prohibited.

⇒ **Can I have a Car Wash Fundraiser?**

Yes - Car washes for fund-raising are permitted with the use of an automatic shutoff nozzle. Please note that a car wash permit (no fee) is required from the Town. Free flowing car washes, even for the purposes of fundraising, are not permitted. **Automatic shutoff nozzles are required to be utilized at all times.**

⇒ **Can I wash my siding and windows?**

Yes - siding and window washing is permitted with the use of an automatic shutoff nozzle.

The Town asks for your full cooperation to conserve water as leaks and excessive non-domestic use have potential to cause the water system to have a low water level, which may result in another water ban.



Please suggest other water conservation tips by emailing info@holyrood.ca