

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- Think water efficient when you buy products like washing machines, dishwashers, fridges, irrigation systems, taps and toilets.
- Replace your toilet with a “low flow” model. Choose one that uses 6 litres or less per flush. Ask about Creston’s Low Flow Toilet Rebate.
- Shower under a “low flow” showerhead.
- Water when the sun is low, winds are calm and temperatures are cooler.

Divide by zones

- Different plants need different amounts of water.
- Divide your yard and landscape areas into separate irrigation zones so that grass can be watered separately and more frequently than groundcovers, shrubs and trees.
- Both sprinkler and drip irrigation can be incorporated to achieve more efficient use of water.

Water only things that grow

- If you have an underground sprinkler system, make sure the sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.

Consider natural landscaping and xeriscaping techniques

- Landscaping using native plants and drought tolerant plant species requires less maintenance and less water.

Mulch

- Mulch acts as a protective cover around plants. It keeps soil cool and moist and discourages weed growth. When grass clippings are allowed to decay naturally on the lawn, they release valuable nutrients, add water-saving mulch and encourage natural soil aeration by earthworms.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

When do water conservation measures go into effect?

Stage 1 water conservation measures go into effect every year between June 1st and September 30th, regardless of seasonal weather patterns. The Town of Creston may, upon notification, impose further water conservation measures (Stage 2 – 4) as necessary.

How will I be notified when the stages change, e.g.

Stage 1 to 2, 3 or 4?

Notification will be published:

- Town’s Website www.creston.ca
- Local Radio Station, e.g. 94.1 JUICE FM
- Creston Valley Advance

How much water does my lawn need?

The maximum water that a Creston Valley lawn with full sun exposure needs is 2.5cm per week in May/ June to a maximum of 4cm per week in July / August.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In BC, the average person uses about 490 litres per day, and the average Canadian uses about 330 litres per day.
- Dripping taps are a major cause of wasted water and can also cause water damage in the home. Fixing a dripping tap can save up to 300 litres drinking water per week.
- Toilets account for 30% of indoor water use.
- Less than 3% of municipally-treated water is actually used for drinking. The rest goes down the drain or toilet, or on our gardens.

For more tips and information, please go to

<http://waterbucket.ca/wuc/>



**CRESTON
VALLEY**

TOWN of CRESTON

Water Conservation & Staged Restrictions Bylaw No. 1439

Consolidated to Dec. 13, 2016

REFER TO THE COMPLETE WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS - BYLAW 1439 FOR FULL DETAILS



Stage 1 water conservation measures go into effect every year regardless of seasonal weather patterns. These measures establish the mandatory **restrictions** of outdoor water use from June 1st until September 30th. The Town of Creston may, upon notification, impose further water conservation measures (Stage 2 – 4) as necessary.

Factors used in the determination to impose further water conservation measures (Stage 2 – 4) will be:

- Waterworks System Demands
- Rainfall statistics
- Reservoir capacity
- Actual and predicted weather
- Source groundwater and/or stream levels

More details on watering restrictions can be found in Bylaw 1439, Section 2.04 and Schedule 'D'.

ENFORCEMENT: Officers of the Municipality have the authority to enter at all reasonable times on any property that is subject to the bylaw to ascertain whether or not the provisions of Bylaw 1439 are being carried out.

FINES: Penalties for not complying with Bylaw 1439 may result in the following:

- Customers who fail to monitor and control unnecessary wastage of water by any means, such as overspray onto driveways or sidewalks, may be subject to a fine of \$275.
- Customers who violate water restrictions may be subject to a fine of \$275.

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Activity	Mandatory Restrictions			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Watering of lawns	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
Watering of new lawns (seed within 45 days and sod within 21 days of installation)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)
Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs (excluding watering of commercial agricultural products)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited
				<i>Watering using drip irrigation*, a watering can, and or hand held hose, which eliminates over-spray is permitted at any time.</i>
Pesticide or fertilizer application (using potable water with appropriate backflow prevention)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
Wash down (sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces, window, vehicles or other outdoor surface)	Permitted	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where critical for health and safety, & business operations)	Prohibited (Except where critical for health and safety)
Filling of fountains or other decorative features	Permitted	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling of outdoor hot tubs and/or wading pools.	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling of swimming pools	ONLY between the hours 8 pm - 7 am	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)	Prohibited	Prohibited

**Drip irrigation delivers water to the root zone of the plants where individual emitters use less than 2 gallons per hours (7.6L/hr) at less than 20psi (140Kpa). This does not include soaker hoses or micro sprayers.*