

# Water Conservation Tips Outside Your Home

## Do your part!

Outdoor watering is one of the major causes of water supply depletion in our region. This year, consider these tips for outdoor water usage:

- Water your lawn only when necessary on your designated day according to the Region's water restrictions.\*
- Use mulch. It helps the soil retain moisture and reduces the need for frequent watering.
- Wash and rinse your vehicles using a bucket and sponge. You could save 300 L of water each time!

\* For more information about the Region of Waterloo's Outdoor Water Use By-law, or about indoor and outdoor water efficiency, visit [www.region.waterloo.on.ca/water](http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca/water) or call (519) 575-4495.

## Did you know?

Rain is often enough! Lawns can stay healthy with an average of 2-5 cm of water per week.

Taller grass holds water better. Keep your grass about 6 cm long.

You could save about 200 L of water by cleaning sidewalks and driveways with a broom instead of using water from a hose!

Even a small drip can waste tons of water. Check outside hoses, faucets and sprinklers for leaks.

## Doing the math!

1 cubic meter of water  
= 1,000 litres or 220  
gallons of water!

# Water Conservation Tips Inside Your Home

## Every drop helps!

In the bathroom and around the house it's easy to waste water unintentionally. Try these indoor water conservation tips and see the savings first-hand.

- Use the load selector on your washing machine. It will match the water level to the size of your laundry load. If you don't have a load selector, only wash full loads.
- Wash full loads of dishes when you use your dishwasher. This will save water, energy, detergent and money.
- Check for toilet leaks. You can test your toilets for leaks by looking at the water level in the tank. The water level should be 1/2 inch below the top of the overflow tube. If the water level is higher, your float is set too high and needs to be adjusted.

## Did you know?

A tap leaking one drop of water per second wastes more than 25 L of water a day! That's 9,000 L a year!

A five-minute shower with a standard showerhead uses 100 L of water, while a low-flow showerhead would use only 35 L of water.

About 75% of indoor home water use occurs in our bathrooms, and toilets are the single largest water users. An average family of three can expect to save up to \$92 per year on its water bill by converting to a 6-litre toilet.

## Take notice!

If you notice an abnormal increase in your water consumption on your utility bill, be sure to check your faucets, toilets, water heater and water softeners. You may have a leak!



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