

2014 sprinkling regulations

Here in Grand Forks, the water that is used by each and every resident comes from deep water wells — as deep as 250 feet. Like many communities in southern British Columbia, Grand Forks faces drought and water supply issues during the hot summer months and very high energy costs for pumping during high demand.

Sprinkling regulations help conserve water and ensure there is enough water during the hot, dry summer.



In Grand Forks, properties with “even” numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on “even” numbered days (ie: 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc.). Those with “odd” numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on “odd” numbered days (ie: 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.).

- For manual users, sprinkling is permitted from 7am-9am and from 7pm-9pm.
- For automated timed underground sprinklers, watering is permitted either from midnight-4am or from 7am-9am and from 7pm-9pm.
- Flower gardens, vegetable gardens and newly planted lawns and landscapes may be hand watered at any time.
- For the first month only, newly planted lawns and landscapes can be sprinkled twice a day every day from 7am-9am and 7pm-9pm using either manual or automatic underground sprinklers. Automatic systems can be used to water up to five minutes per zone at a time with total watering time not to exceed 4 hours.

For more information on sprinkling regulations, visit <http://www.grandforks.ca>

Did you know?

- The average Canadian uses 329 litres of water per day, although the average Canadian thinks they use 132 litres per day.
- 26% of British Columbians have no idea where the water that flows out of their tap comes from.
- 65% of all indoor water use occurs in the bathroom. The next highest area of use is laundry, which accounts for 20%, followed by kitchen/drinking (10%) and cleaning (5%).



- Domestic water consumption can increase up to 50% in the summer months when people are watering their lawns and gardens.



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Drinking Water Week

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Like many communities in southern BC, Grand Forks faces drought and water supply issues during the hot summer months. Conserving water will reduce peak demands and help reduce the cost to maintain and operate the water system.

When it comes to water conservation, every little bit helps. If we all do our part, we can make a huge difference.

Save water in your home!

TIP 1 Fix that leaky toilet and save hundreds of litres of water in a year. To find out if your toilet is leaking, put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

TIP 2 Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save more than 500 litres per month.

TIP 3 Invest in water savings. Energy efficient front-loading clothes washers use 35-50% less water and 30% less energy than standard washers. Use your clothes washer for only full loads.



TIP 4 Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.

TIP 5 Install water-saving aerators on all of your faucets and water-saving shower heads.

TIP 6 When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing altogether. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.



TIP 7 Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water houseplants.

TIP 8 Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge, as running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful.

TIP 9 When shaving, fill the sink instead of letting the water run continuously and save 10 to 20 litres of water each time. Also, turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.



Save water outside and still have a healthy lawn and garden!

TIP 1 Do not over water to compensate for expected dry periods. Soil cannot store extra water.



TIP 2 Lawns and gardens require only 35 millimetres (enough to fill a tuna can) of water per week during warm weather. Less is needed during spring, fall, or cool weather.

TIP 3 Water lawns every three to five days, rather than for a short period every day. This will help grow deeper roots, making your lawn more tolerant to hot summer temperatures.

TIP 4 Raise your lawn mower blade to cut grass no lower than eight centimetres (three inches). Longer grass will shade the soil and reduce moisture loss. Long grass also helps feed the roots, reducing the need for it to quickly re-grow.

TIP 5 Choose water-efficient plants and consider xeriscaping. On days when it has rained, water your lawn less and turn off your automatic irrigation system.

TIP 6 Install a rain barrel and use the water you collect for your lawn, garden, and/or indoor plants. Collecting rainwater for watering needs uses very little energy compared to watering with treated water, which require enormous amounts of energy to clean and pump it to your tap.