



# Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority Water Conservation Tips

## What You Can Do

There are many things that we can all do to conserve water at home.

If you are on a municipal water supply, conserving water also saves you money. If you have your own well, you may already have water conservation measures in place.

Here are some suggestions for conserving water around the home.

### In the Yard

- ❖ Don't water your lawn. A healthy lawn will survive a dry period by going dormant.
- ❖ If you must water your lawn, it is better to water once a week, using only 25mm (1 inch) of water. Measure the amount of water your lawn is receiving by placing a small can, like an empty tuna can, on the lawn to collect water. Use a ruler to measure the amount accumulated.
- ❖ Do not over water. The soil cannot store excess water to be used later. Proper watering encourages deep root growth, which makes lawns and gardens healthier and better able to survive dry periods.
- ❖ Do your watering early in the morning or late at night to reduce evaporation from the sun. Watering during the middle of the day is a waste.
- ❖ Use a broom, instead of a hose, to sweep sidewalks and driveways.

### In the House

- ❖ Check all taps, toilets and other household appliances regularly for leaks.
- ❖ Use aerators or flow reducers on taps.
- ❖ Never leave the water running while washing the dishes or cleaning vegetables. Partially fill the sink with water instead.
- ❖ Store bottles of drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap for cold water.
- ❖ Have short showers rather than baths. Use low flow shower heads.
- ❖ Don't leave the water running while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ❖ Flushing the toilet uses a lot of water. If you are renovating your bathroom, consider replacing your toilet with a low flow model.



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