

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Water is the world's most valuable resource, and one that we often take for granted. The need to conserve our water responsibly has never been greater. Installing water meters throughout the Town of Stratford is just one step in helping us all think twice before turning on the tap. With your help, we can continue to work towards ensuring this valuable resource is sustained for future generations.

In your home...

- Only run full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher
- Fix leaking taps and toilets
- Install water saving showerheads and low flush toilets
- Choose water efficient appliances
- Shorten your showers (each minute of your shower can use up to 20L of water)
- Defrost food in the refrigerator rather than under running water
- Keep a jug of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap
- Wash your fruit and vegetables in a bowl of water - *then water your plants with the water!*
- Turn off the tap when shaving or brushing your teeth

Outdoors...

- Use a bucket of soapy water to wash your car instead of running the hose as much
- Check outdoor taps and hoses for leaks
- Install a rain barrel to water your garden and flower boxes
- Use a broom and not the hose to clean off your driveway
- Water your lawn no more than once per week (even in the peak of summer)
- Water gardens in the early morning or evening when the sun is not at its strongest and more water can be absorbed into the ground
- Keep your grass longer, at least 3 inches is ideal - this will shade the roots and reduce soil moisture evaporation as well as prompting plants to grow deeper roots which help them gather more moisture and reduce or eliminate your need to water the lawn

**Don't use
the toilet as
a garbage
can**



Imagine that!

In the Town of Stratford 1.9 million litres of water were used on average per day in 2017

**Every
drop
saved
counts!**

Showers and baths account for up to 35% of your daily water use

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