

# NEW REGULATIONS

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Water usage and sprinkler regulations are in effect from:

**May 1ST  
To  
September 30th**

Watering is only permitted during the following days and times (and this includes soaker hoses):

If your address is **even**, you may water on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

If your street address is **odd**, you may water on **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**

**Watering hours:**

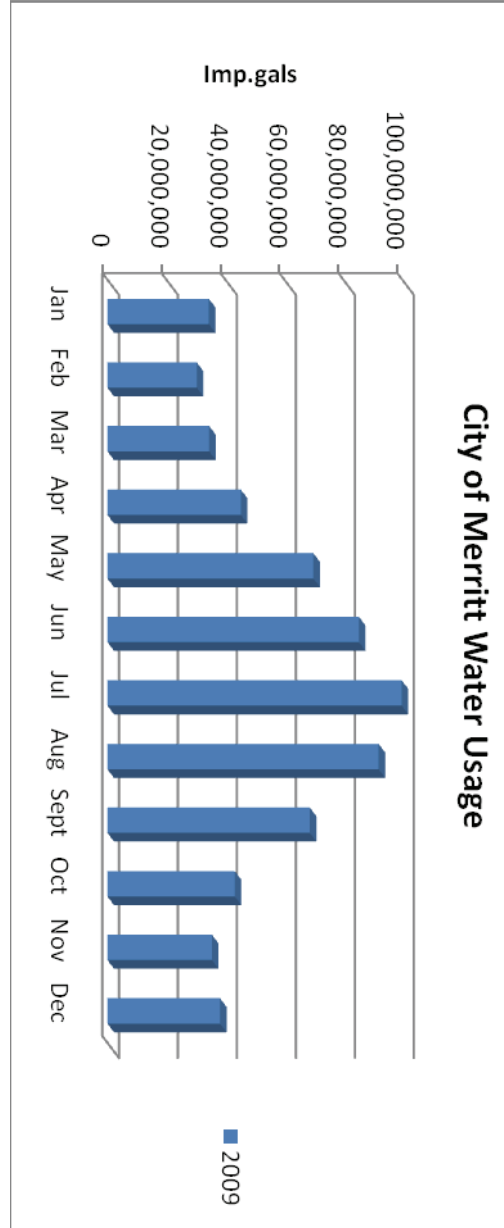
**Non Automatic:** 6 am to 8 am  
7 pm to 10 pm

**Automatic Sprinklers:** Midnight to 5 am

**New Lawn? Apply to Bylaw Services for a permit to allow more frequent watering, and post the permit where visible so you won't get a fine.**

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## 2010 Watering Regulations

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**\$50 FINE FOR VIOLATORS!**

**CONSERVE WATER!**

## You can conserve water indoors:

- ◆ Use low flow faucets and shower heads
- ◆ Repair leaks promptly
- ◆ Turn water off while brushing teeth or shaving
- ◆ Take shorter showers or smaller baths
- ◆ Save extra flushes by not using the toilet as a wastebasket
- ◆ When doing dishes, fill the sink instead of running the water

- ◆ Fill sink to wash fruit and vegetables
- ◆ Run only full dishwashers and washing machines
- ◆ Refrigerate drinking water instead of running water until cold



## Indoor Water Facts

- ◆ 75% of indoor water consumption is in the bathroom
- ◆ A shorter shower or smaller bath can save up to 65 litres (14 gal) each time
- ◆ Repairing a leaky toilet can save up to 2,000 litres (440 gal) a month
- ◆ Replace toilet with low flush or dual flush toilet

## Why Save Water?

We live in a semi-arid climate and wise water use is crucial to protect our supply. We can reduce our consumption by following water tips and Sprinkling Regulations

Low snowpack has increased drought conditions

## Xeriscaping!

Xeriscaping refers to the conservation of water through creative landscaping and the use of native materials.

The benefits are:

- ◆ Saves water - can reduce landscape water use by 50-70%
- ◆ Less maintenance - aside from occasional pruning and weeding, maintenance is minimal
- ◆ No fertilizers or pesticides - using plants native to the area will eliminate the need for chemical supplements
- ◆ Improves property value - a good Xeriscape can raise property values. Protect your landscaping investment by drought proofing it.
- ◆ Pollution free - fossil fuel consumption from gas mowers is minimized or eliminated with minimal turf areas.
- ◆ Provides wildlife habitat - use of native plants, shrubs and trees of a familiar and varied habitat for local wildlife

Learn more at:

[http://www.eartheasy.com/grow\\_xeriscape.htm](http://www.eartheasy.com/grow_xeriscape.htm)  
<http://www.xeriscape.org>  
<http://www.avant-gardening.com/xeriscape.html>

## You can conserve water outdoors:

- ◆ Avoid oscillating sprinklers
- ◆ Only water lawns twice a week and adjust lawnmower height to 2-3" to promote stronger roots and healthier grass
- ◆ Place mulch around shrubs and plants to reduce evaporation
- ◆ Purchase an inexpensive timer for outdoor taps
- ◆ Use soaker hoses for shrubs but remember to turn them off as per watering times
- ◆ Don't water the sidewalk or you will get fined!

## Install an Automatic System that

- ◆ Is easy to use and frees up spare time;
- ◆ Adds to property value; and,
- ◆ Reduces evaporation by watering at night for maximum benefit to lawns and gardens

Don't forget to turn system off if its raining and reset timers as needed!



## Outdoor Watering Options

Hand watering is permitted anytime with a:

- Sprinkling can; or
- Controlled flow nozzle (even when washing the car).