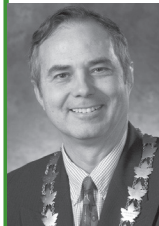


Outdoor Water Use: Know Your Colour. Know Your Limits.



by Regional Chair Gary Carr

Did you know that in the summer months water consumption can double? This is largely due to the increase in outdoor water use from activities such as lawn watering and car washing. In order to ensure a reliable and continuous supply of water for essential and emergency needs like firefighting, Halton has launched an outdoor water use program designed to quickly communicate any outdoor water use restrictions.

The program consists of a numeric and colour coded system that establishes three levels of outdoor water use depending on criteria such as water demand, water treatment reservoir levels, aquifer levels (groundwater) and weather patterns. The water restriction levels include:



Level 1 (Blue) – Careful Use

Voluntary odd/even lawn watering between 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock in the morning and evening on days that correspond with your house number (if you have an odd numbered address, water on any odd numbered calendar days and similarly for even numbered addresses). Car washing and watering of trees, shrubs and gardens is allowed on those days.



Level 2 (Yellow) – Limited Use

Mandatory odd/even lawn watering between 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock in the morning and evening on days that correspond with your house number. Watering of trees, shrubs and gardens should be done using a hand held device such as a watering can.



Level 3 (Red) – Stop Use

No outdoor lawn watering or car washing is permitted in order to conserve water for emergency and essential services. Watering of trees, shrubs and gardens can be done using a hand held device following the odd/even watering rule.

As the warmer weather is now upon us and homeowners are in the middle of lawn and gardening season, it is very important to learn about the water restriction levels in order to reduce your consumption when required. Dial 311 or visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation to learn more.

Tips to help reduce your outdoor water use:

- Only water your lawns and gardens between 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock in the morning and evening on odd or even days that correspond with your house number.
- Don't wash your driveway. Use a rake or broom instead.
- Plant drought tolerant plants.
- Use a layer of mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- If you own an automatic irrigation system, install moisture sensors or a central controller to avoid lawn watering during rainfall.
- Know how to turn off your automatic irrigation system in the event of any outdoor water use restrictions.
- Check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.

For more tips and to sign up to be notified by an e-alert when the water restriction level changes, visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation.

Wise Outdoor Water Use Contest



Enter for a chance to win one of three Wise Outdoor Water Use prize packages from Halton Region and Sheridan Nurseries. The grand prize is valued at over \$1200 and includes an At-Home Master Landscape Design Plan, a \$500 gift card towards the purchase of drought tolerant plants, an outdoor watering toolkit and more! Visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation for contest details and entry form.



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Meetings at Halton Region Headquarters

July 1		Offices closed for Canada Day
July 6	9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Cte
July 7	9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Cte
July 7	1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Cte
July 14	9:30 a.m.	Regional Council Meeting

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