

Summer program in place

Water conservation

The Region of Halton is continuing efforts to promote more efficient water use.

During the summer months water use can increase by over 50 per cent. Most of this water is used for lawns and gardens. However, by wise water use a healthy green lawn and garden with less water wasted.

Lawns don't need to be watered every day. Watering every three to five days is sufficient, less often if it rains. The best time to water is during the coolest part of the day. Watering in the early morning or in the evening after the sun has gone down, will reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.

As part of a water conservation program, Halton Region Public Works Department is promoting a region-wide reduction in the use of municipal water during the summer period, through a program of mandatory lawn watering restrictions.

The lawn watering restrictions involve an "odd/even day" system to reduce peaks in water demand. Properties with odd numbered municipal addresses (e.g. 1, 3, 5, etc.), will be allowed to water the lawns only on odd calendar days. Properties with even numbered municipal addresses will be allowed to water the lawns only on even calendar days.

For townhouse units where the unit number is included in the municipal address (e.g. Unit 101, 2 Main Street), the unit number will

apply (i.e. the odd 101, and not the even 2 Main Street).

As in previous years, the program is implemented on a region-wide basis for all properties serviced by municipal water supply. Private wells and surface water from ponds and streams are excluded from this program.

The water restriction program does not include the following:

- car washing;
- flower, garden and tree watering by hand;
- Water uses via hand held spray nozzles;
- newly placed sodding during the maintenance period;
- lawns treated with herbicide, pesticide, or fertilizer which require water.

The water restriction program does include the following:

- all residential, commercial and industrial properties;
- all municipally-owned properties such as schools, parks, arenas, community centres, public works facilities, etc.
- golf courses using municipal water.

The program will be enforced by Halton's Public Works staff. Although a maximum fine of \$2,000 may be assessed on violators contravening this provision of Regional Water Use Bylaw 93-89, the cooperation of all citizens in this important water conservation effort will be the key to its success.

For further information, contact Vince Suffoletta, at 825-6000.



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