

## City of Charlottetown - 2012 Guidelines for Summer Water Conservation

Residents and business owners are asked to follow the "In Case of Water Shortages" guidelines below until notification is sent out that the demand on the City's water supply has returned to a normal level.

<b>IN CASE OF WATER SHORTAGES</b>	
<b>Sprinklers (lawn)</b>	5am - 10am, 7pm - 1am (Once per week, according to the watering schedule below)
<b>Hand-held hose watering and drippers (lawn)</b>	5am - 10am, 7pm - 1am (Once per week, according to the watering schedule below)
<b>Spot watering for gardens hanging baskets</b>	Anytime
<b>Swimming Pool Filling</b>	Restricted
<b>Topping up pools</b>	4 pm - 7 am (Once per week, according to the watering schedule below)
<b>Hosing hard surfaces</b>	Prohibited at all times (spraying off paths, driveways, floors and buildings)
<b>Window Washing</b>	Bucket only (once per week)
<b>Car Washing</b>	Bucket only (once per week)
<b>Kiddie pools/water tops</b>	Anytime

Every year there is not a water shortage, residents and businesses are asked to follow the "Seasonal Water Conservation Measures" below from June 1 until September 30.

<b>SEASONAL WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES</b>	
<b>Sprinklers (lawn)</b>	5am - 10am, 7pm - 1am (as needed)
<b>Hand-held hose watering and drippers (lawn)</b>	5am - 10am, 7pm-1am (as needed)

<b>Spot watering for gardens hanging baskets</b>	Anytime
<b>Swimming Pool Filling</b>	Anytime
<b>Topping up pools</b>	4 pm - 7 am (alternate days)
<b>Hosing hard surfaces</b>	Prohibited at all times (spraying off paths, driveways, floors and buildings)
<b>Window Washing</b>	Anytime
<b>Car Washing</b>	Hose or bucket anytime (alternate days)
<b>Kiddie pools/water tops</b>	Anytime

### Scheduled Watering Days

To decrease the demand on the water supply, the Charlottetown Water and Sewer Utility would like to avoid having residents and business owners watering lawns or filling pools on the same days of the week.

**If your address ends in:**

- 0 or 1 your watering/pool top-up day is: Monday
- 2 or 3 your watering/pool top-up day is: Tuesday
- 4 or 5 your watering/pool top-up day is: Wednesday
- 6 or 7 your watering/pool top-up day is: Thursday
- 8 or 9 your watering/pool top-up day is: Friday

For example: If you live at 261 Smith Drive, your watering/pool top-up day would be Monday because your address ends in '1'.

- Remember: Established lawns should not need to be watered if they are left to grow longer. Raise your mower level up to allow grass to grow longer and better retain moisture.
- Children may use sprinklers, pools, and water toys at any time during the day. Shut off water when they are not using them.

### Watering Instructions for New Sod

1. Water the site about 24 hours before your sod arrives to store moisture in the soil and ensure the topsoil is not too wet for the crew to walk on.

2. On the day the sod is laid, water it thoroughly in the evening between 7 pm and 1 am. Stop watering once the water begins to run off. New sod needs frequent, light watering to help establish the root system.
3. On Day Two, water again in the morning and evening (during watering hours only).
4. On the morning of Day Three, lift a corner of the sod to see if it is still moist underneath. If moist, wait until the evening water hours to water again. If dry, water during morning watering hours.
5. For the next few days, water only once a day during watering hours to encourage deep root growth.
6. For the next two weeks, water only as needed depending on the weather and watering restrictions.
7. After three weeks, the sod should be established. Deep water once a week during watering hours only.
8. Comply with "Seasonal Water Conservation Measures" or "In Case of Water Shortages" guidelines.

For more information on conserving water visit : <http://www.bewaterfriendly.com/outdoor-tips.php>