



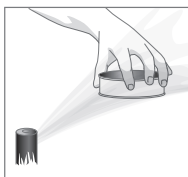
# Be Water Wise.

## Did you know?

All water that comes from your taps, shower faucet, in your toilet tank and even from your garden hose is first cleaned and treated at the Water Treatment Plant. Water that goes down the drain in your home is cleaned and treated again at the Wastewater Treatment Plant before it returns to the river. Treating and supplying safe and quality water costs money and uses energy.

## Watering Tips for Your Lawn

- Too much watering can make your lawn susceptible to weeds, disease and drought. It also places additional pressure on the City's water system as the unused water ends up in the storm sewer system.
- Avoid watering during the heat of the day or during windy times to minimize evaporation.
- Water your lawn deeply, but not more than once a week. During periods of extended rain, water even less frequently.
- Water new lawns every other day until the grass reaches 5 cm; then water less frequently.
- Set a tuna can in each of your sprinkler zones and time how long it takes to fill it with water. That's how long you should run your sprinkler once a week if your lawn is dry.
- Ensure your sprinklers are working properly and are targeted away from sidewalks.
- Use drip irrigation and/or sprinkler systems that are timed to turn on and off automatically. Remember to turn them off if it's raining.



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In Saskatoon, water use by residents makes up almost 60% of the total demand for water. This summer, help the environment, save energy, save money, and help preserve our city's water and wastewater treatment plants.

## Water-Free Ways to Ensure a Healthy Lawn and Garden

- Collect rain water. Rain water contains minerals and nutrients that are good for plants. Using rain barrels also diverts water away from the City's storm sewer system. Be sure that rain barrels are properly covered to discourage mosquito larvae from developing.
- Use mulch and drought-tolerant plants (xeriscaping) in your flower beds to reduce your need to water frequently.

## Other Water Conservation Tips

- Wash your car at the car wash. Washing at home with a hose for ten minutes uses 300 litres of water and sends soap, oil and other chemicals to the river through storm drains. At a car wash, run-off is captured and disposed of properly.
- Use a broom when cleaning your driveway or walkway. Washing with a hose uses almost 200 litres of water.
- Be aware that water is a valuable resource and shouldn't be wasted.

## Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Rebates

The City of Saskatoon has a limited number of \$20 rebates available to Saskatoon residents who purchase a rain barrel or compost bin from a Saskatoon retailer in 2014. Please visit the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's website at [www.saskwastereduction.ca/rebate-form](http://www.saskwastereduction.ca/rebate-form).



For more information on how to Be Water Wise, visit [saskatoon.ca](http://saskatoon.ca) or call 306-975-2487.