



Water Conservation Facts & Tips

Be Water Wise

There are a number of reasons to be water wise without giving up convenience or comfort!

Reducing water use will result in long-term money savings, reduces household energy consumption and helps to preserve Weyburn's water system.

What Can You Do?

- Download the EyeOnWater app to review your daily and weekly water usage and be alerted of any leaks.
- Do not leave water running when brushing your teeth or shaving. About 18 litres of water is wasted when doing this.
- Store drinking water in the fridge rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- Insulate your pipes. This will decrease the wait time for hot water to run from your faucet. Insulation is available at any hardware store.
- Replace your showerhead with a water efficient model. This can save as much as 23 litres of water per minute.
- Take short showers instead of baths. A full bathtub requires 140 litres of water.
- Check your toilet for leaks. Put a little food colouring in your tank. If, without flushing, the colour begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other waste in the trash rather than toilet.
- Place two inches of rocks or sand inside a one litre bottle and place in your toilet tank to fill the tank faster with less water.
- Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or properly set the water level for the size of load you are using.
- Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a garden or for cleaning.
- Kitchen sink disposals require a lot of water to operate properly. Consider starting a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing food waste.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate one drop per second, you can expect to waste approximately 10,200 litres per year.
- Cook food in as little water as possible. This also helps it retain more nutrients.
- Water lawns during the early morning or evening when temperatures and wind are lowest. This reduces loss from evaporation.
- Do not hose down your driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom to clean debris. Using a hose can waste thousands of litres of water.
- Buy or build a rain barrel to collect and store rain for future watering. Saskatchewan residents double water use in the summer.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper and holds the moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.
- Do not leave hoses or sprinklers unattended. Your garden hose can pour out 2,200 litres or more in only a few hours. Set a timer to remind yourself.