

# TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

## WATER USAGE & RESTRICTION STAGES

Water restriction stages will increase or decrease depending on DROUGHT CONDITIONS, PEAK SEASONAL DEMANDS, EMERGENCIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITATIONS.

Under normal conditions, there are no restrictions.

***This policy does NOT regulate water usage inside your home, such as bathing, cooking, cleaning etc.***

An “odd/even” address system will be used to alternate outdoor water use for homes and businesses.

Homes and businesses with even numbers as the 4th digit in the address (5024 45 St, 4944 46 Ave) would use water outdoors on specified days.

Homes and businesses with odd numbers as the 4th digit in the address (5055 49 St, 4927 52 Ave) would use water outdoors on different specified days.

### STAGE 1

#### RESIDENTIAL

***Outdoor water use is limited to 3 days a week***

Even Number Addresses  
Mon | Wed | Fri

Odd Number Addresses  
Tues | Thurs | Sat

*No residential outdoor water use is permitted on Sundays*

#### Scheduled/timed sprinklers

Limited to 1.5 hours between 8am-12pm on permitted days for lawn, greenhouse & garden use

**Filling tank/pools etc.**  
Restricted to containments <1000L or 1 m3

#### BUSINESSES

***Water operations limited to 12 hours per day***  
for commercial and industrial high consumption users

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

***Watering activities limited to 4 days per week:***  
flowers, wastewater system flushing, fire hydrant flushing, and street sweeping

**Ricochet Aquatic Centre and Splash Park**  
Regular operations

### STAGE 2

#### RESIDENTIAL

***Outdoor water use is limited to 2 days per week***

Even Number Addresses  
Mon | Wed

Odd Number Addresses  
Tues/Thurs

*No residential outdoor water use is permitted on Fri | Sat | Sun*

#### Scheduled/timed sprinklers

Limited to 1 hour between the hours of 9am-11am on permitted days for lawn, greenhouse & garden use

**Filling of tank/pools etc.**  
Restricted to containments <500L or .5 m3

#### BUSINESSES

***Water operations limited to 10 hours per day***  
for commercial and industrial high consumption users

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

***Watering activities limited to 3 days per week:***  
flowers, wastewater system flushing, fire hydrant flushing, and street sweeping

**Ricochet Aquatic Centre and Splash Park**  
Regular operations

### STAGE 3

#### RESIDENTIAL

***Outdoor water use is limited to 1 day per week***

Even Number Addresses  
Mondays

Odd Number Addresses  
Tuesdays

*No residential outdoor water use is permitted on Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun*

#### Scheduled/timed sprinklers

Not permitted at any time.

Garden, greenhouse watering is permitted for food bearing plants only.

**Filling of tank/pools etc.**  
Not permitted

#### BUSINESSES

***Water operations limited to 8 hours per day***  
for commercial and industrial high consumption users

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

***Watering activities limited to 2 days per week:***  
flowers, wastewater system flushing, fire hydrant flushing, and street sweeping

**Ricochet Aquatic Centre and Splash Park**  
Operations limited to 8 hours per day

### STAGE 4

#### RESIDENTIAL

***No outdoor water use permitted on any day.***

**Filling of tank/pools etc.**  
Not permitted

#### BUSINESSES

***Water operations limited to 5 hours per day Mon - Fri***  
for commercial and industrial high consumption users

***Weekend operations are not permitted***

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

***No watering activities for:***  
flowers, wastewater system flushing, fire hydrant flushing and street sweeping

#### Emergencies

Water line breaks, sewer backups, water quality issues and dangerous road conditions will be addressed as necessary.

**Ricochet Aquatic Centre and Splash Park**  
Operations limited to 5 hours per day

### STAGE 5

#### RESIDENTIAL

***No outdoor water use permitted on any day.***

**Filling of tank/pools etc.**  
Not permitted

#### BUSINESSES

***Water operations not permitted at any time***  
for commercial and industrial high consumption users

#### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

***No watering activities for:***  
flowers, wastewater system flushing, fire hydrant flushing and street sweeping

#### Emergencies

Water line breaks, sewer backups, water quality issues and dangerous road conditions will be addressed as necessary.

**Ricochet Aquatic Centre and Splash Park**  
Facilities will be closed

Any person who violates this Policy may be subject to fines as set out in the Community Standards Bylaw 2022/06/P schedule “A” section 19.5.

# WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

## HOME & PROPERTY

Making simple changes in and around your home can reduce water usage, saving money and conserve water in the community.

### OUTSIDE



#### LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING

- When permissible, water lawns for no more than an hour once a week in the cooler hours of the day to reduce evaporation
- Set mower height to keep grass 2 - 3 inches high. Tall grass will retain water better
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn. This will help retain water
- Consider planting drought-tolerant plants



#### TREES

- Deliver water where it is needed using a soaker hose rather than a sprinkler.
- Prioritize your watering needs, and don't water unless needed
- Adding mulch around the base of trees and shrubs reduces weed growth and evaporation.



#### OTHER WATER SAVING TIPS

- Position sprinklers so that they are not watering driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- Use automatic timers or sprinklers
- Check outdoor taps for leaks shut outdoor taps tightly after use
- Purchase a rain barrel to collect rainwater from your roof
- Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom rather than a hose

### INSIDE



#### BATHROOM

- Check toilets for leaks
- Install water-efficient toilets
- Replace shower heads with low-flow models
- Limit showers to 5 minutes
- Turn your water off while you're brushing your teeth



#### KITCHEN

- Install water efficient appliances
- Run full loads in the dishwasher or set for a shorter cycle if you must wash a smaller load
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap
- Limit the use of garbage disposals as it requires a lot of water to operate properly
- Ensure you always have a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking, so you won't have to let the water run to get cold water



#### LAUNDRY

- Install water efficient washers
- Wash full loads of laundry. If you must wash a smaller load, set the water level appropriately

*For more water saving tips, visit*  
**[draytonvalley.ca/waterconservation](http://draytonvalley.ca/waterconservation)**