



Save Water

Outdoors and Indoors

After several dry years without substantial precipitation, Albertans are facing potentially serious drought conditions in 2024. All Albertans have been asked to consider ways to use water wisely. Conserving water is always a good habit, and it can help our community, as well as Albertans downstream from our municipality. There are small steps that everyone can take to conserve water. Learn more about water conservation or get ideas for ways to save from the tips below:

Outdoor Water Conservation Tips



Water your lawn no more than necessary. Lawns only need about 1" of water per week.

If possible, water sparingly in the early morning to reduce evaporation.



Avoid watering on windy days.

Keep your grass a bit taller (5-7 cm) to help shade the soil and allow better moisture retention.



Avoid mowing during the heat of the day. Freshly cut grass releases moisture and can turn brown.

Sharpen your mower blades to create a clean cut that will heal more quickly.



Collect and reuse water by using rain barrels for outdoor plants.

Check for leaks in pipes, faucets, and hoses. Do NOT direct sprinkler heads at buildings, sidewalks, or roads.



Clean outside with a broom instead of a hose.

Plant drought tolerant vegetation. Add mulch to reduce evaporation and retain moisture in soil.



Certain grass types may brown without water but revive with adequate watering.

Use a water-saving pool filter.



Indoor Water Conservation Tips



Take shorter showers. Reducing shower time by 5 mins will save about 100 litres of water per day.

Turn water off while brushing teeth or shaving. This can save about 32 litres/person/day.



Fix leaks, including leaky toilets and faucets. This can reduce water use by up to 10%.

Fill the sink instead of letting the water run when washing dishes.



Keep a jug of cool water in the fridge instead of running the tap.

Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.



Invest in high-efficiency appliances. I.e, new front-load washers use 50% less water than older top-load units.

For more information about water conservation scan or visit: alberta.ca/drought-how-can-you-help



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MD of Taber's Water Shortage Management Response Plan for Residential and Commercial Users.

Activity	Users	Stage 1 (←15% reduction)	Stage 2 (16-30% reduction)	Stage 3 (→31% reduction)	
Lawn & Garden Manual Sprinklers	Odd Number Addresses	Voluntary water use restrictions on all activities listed	6 am to 10 am on assigned days	6 am to 10 am on assigned days	
	Even Number Addresses		Tuesday, Saturday	Saturday only	
Lawn & Garden Automatic Sprinklers	Odd Number Addresses		12 am to 6 am on assigned days	12 am to 6 am on assigned days	
	Even Number Addresses		Tuesday, Saturday	Saturday only	
Garden Ponds, Fountains & Water Features	All Residents		Filling & Refilling 2 times/week	Not allowed due to water levels	
	All Residents		Allotment of water to 15 m ³ (3,963 gallons or 15,000 litres) per month/per household	Allotment of water to 12 m ³ (3170 gallons or 12,000 litres) per month/per household	
Residents & Business using Pools, Hot Tubs, Outdoor Snow/Ice Making	Odd Number Addresses		6 am to 10 am on assigned days	Not allowed due to water levels except with Municipal permissions	
	Even Number Addresses		Tuesday, Saturday		
Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces	All Residents		Use a broom spring loaded nozzle or mop and bucket	6 am to 10 am on assigned days	Cleaning with hose for health and safety only
	All Residents			Tuesday, Saturday	
Vehicle (car,boat, etc.) washing	All Residents	Hand wash only with moderation	Wednesday, Sunday		



To access more invaluable water resources and important information to help you navigate through the anticipated drought conditions visit our website:

mdtaber.ab.ca/p/drought