

Regulations for the Watering of Lawns and Gardens using Municipality of Trent Lakes' Water Systems

In the event of a water main break, loss of pressure or no water, please call: OCWA at 705-738-9734 or 888-695-1663

These restrictions shall be in force from April 30 to October 31

Properties with **even numbered 911 addresses
may water on **even** numbered days only.**

Properties with **odd numbered 911 addresses
may water on **odd** numbered days only.**

Residents who use in-ground sprinkler systems and those who wish to wash vehicles may do so only on their assigned days. There will be **no** washing of driveways or filling of swimming pools during April 30 to October 31.

By-law B2016-080 mandates **finest to a maximum of \$200.00 for abuses.**

The Municipality of Trent Lakes reserves the right to impose further restrictions should there be abuse of the water system or should exceptional circumstances arise. Water is life – Conserve it, Respect it, Enjoy it.

Outside Water Conservation Tips

- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Chunks of bark, peat moss or gravel slows down evaporation and can save 750 to 1,500 gallons a month.
- If you have a pool, use a pool cover to cut down on evaporation. It will also keep your pool cleaner and reduce the need to add chemicals and can save 1,000 gallons a month.
- Don't water the lawn on windy days as there is too much evaporation and this can waste up to 300 gallons in one watering.
- Cut down watering on cool and overcast days and don't water in the rain.
- Adjust or deactivate automatic sprinklers. This can save up to 300 gallons each time.
- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation and can save 500 to 1,500 gallons each month.
- If you have an evaporative air conditioner, direct the water drain line to a flower bed, tree base or lawn.
- Drive your car onto a lawn to wash it; rinse water can help water the grass.
- If you allow your children to play in the sprinklers, make sure it's only when you're watering the yard and in your designated time.
- Replace your lawn and high water using trees and plants with less thirsty ones but do this only in wet years. Even drought resistant plantings take extra water to get them going. This can save 750 to 1,500 gallons a month.
- Dispose of hazardous materials properly. One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water, effectively eliminating that much water from our water supply. Use the Household Hazardous Waste Facilities at the Buckhorn transfer station for proper waste disposal options. Do not flush prescriptions; return them to a pharmacy.