

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- ◆ **WATER YOUR LAWN ONLY WHEN NEEDED.** Step on your grass. If it springs back up when you move, it does not need any watering. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering.
- ◆ **DEEP-SOAK YOUR LAWN.** Ensure you are watering long enough. Allow enough time for moisture to reach the roots of your lawn, where it does the most good. A light watering evaporates quickly. A trick is to put an empty tuna can on your lawn when watering. When it is full, you have watered enough.
- ◆ **WATER DURING EARLY PARTS OF THE DAY.** Early morning watering helps prevent the growth of fungus, slugs, and other garden pests, and helps prevent against evaporation.
- ◆ **LAY DOWN A LAYER OF MULCH.** Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. Mulch will slow the evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth.
- ◆ **DON'T WATER THE SIDEWALKS.** Position your sprinklers to hit your lawn and garden only, not paved or cemented areas. Also avoid watering on windy days as wind can blow sprinklers off target.
- ◆ **CHOOSE THE RIGHT SPRINKLER.** Choose a sprinkler that lays down a flat pattern. Oscillating sprinklers lose up to 50% of what they dispense to evaporation.
- ◆ **CUT YOUR GRASS HIGH.** Cutting your grass to a length of 6cm or 2.5 inches allows your grass to act as its own protector. Taller grass shades its roots and holds moisture better.
- ◆ **COLLECT RAIN WATER.** Place a barrel or container under your gutter and collect the runoff from the next rain. This water can then be used to water your plants or garden.
- ◆ **BE A LEAK SEAKER.** Check your pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings for leaks frequently to keep them drip free. Use hose washers at spigots and hose connections to eliminate leaks.

REMEMBER! As per bylaw #2008-868,

ODD numbered homes may water on

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS &

FRIDAYS.

EVEN numbered homes may water on

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS &

SATURDAYS.

NO watering is permitted on **SUNDAYS.**