

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN



What Is Water Conservation?

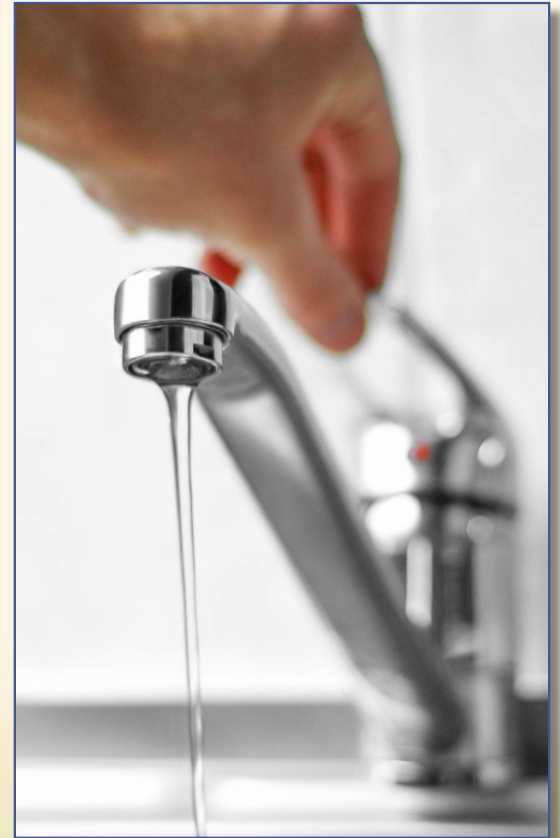
Water conservation includes all strategies, programs, policies, rebates, and activities to manage freshwater resources and water consumption sustainably.

This is not intended to address short term water supply shortages. Those are addressed under the Mountain View Regional Water Service Commission's (MWRWSC) *Drought Management Strategy*.

Why a Plan?

The Water conservation plan is intended to educate and inform residents of:

- the mandatory water conservation restrictions identified in the Town's Utilities Bylaw
- measures taken in the Water Conservation Rebate Programs Policy
- best practices to help conserve water



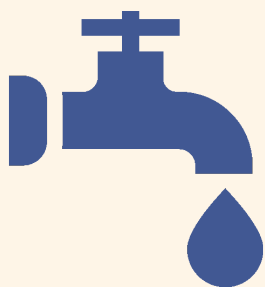
WATERING YOUR LAWN

Watering restrictions are in effect annually from May 1 until September 30. During this period, watering of lawns and gardens between the hours of Noon and 7PM is prohibited.

Customers whose building address is an odd number may water their lawns on odd numbered calendar days. Customers whose building address is an even number may water their lawns, gardens, streets, yards, or ground on even numbered calendar days.

Customers with new sod or seeded lawns may water their lawns daily for a period up to six weeks, but not between the hours of Noon and 7PM.

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USE LESS, PAY LESS

Innisfail has water rates that are relatively low when compared to those in many other communities in our region. In order to provide safe and clean water to our residents, the Town receives water from the Mountain View Regional Water Commission (MVRWC). The MVRWC pulls water from the Red Deer River and treats this water. It then transports it, via aqueduct, to all of its member communities.

This service comes with a cost, and the Town must pay the MVRWC for the water it receives - charged by cubic metre. This cost partially determines the rate charged to our residents on their monthly water bills.

One easy way to reduce the amount of your monthly bill is to reduce the amount of water you consume. The Town has taken steps to provide incentives for residents to modify their water-use habits. By doing this, we reduce the amount of water we use collectively.

The list below details actions that individuals can take in order to qualify for the Town's rebate program.

**2025 TOWN OF INNISFAIL
WATER RATE**
(per m³)

\$3.26

**2025 TOWN OF INNISFAIL
WASTEWATER RATE**
(per m³)

\$4.31

WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAMS

The following water conservation measures are eligible for rebates. For more information, please refer to the policy at www.innisfail.ca/townpolicies.

1. Low-flow Toilet
2. Low-flow Shower Head
3. Water-efficient Appliances
4. Rain Barrels
5. Mulch
6. Drought Tolerant Trees and Shrubs
7. Drought Tolerant Ground Cover and Turf
8. Soaker Hoses
9. Non-residential Toilet Fixtures

TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

Here's a list of some simple water saving tips for activities around your home:

Indoor

1. Take shorter showers. Reducing shower time by 5 minutes will save about 100 litres of water per day.
2. Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving. Turning off the water when brushing your teeth can save about 32 litres per person, per day.
3. Fix leaks, including leaky toilets and faucets. This can reduce water use by up to 10%.
4. Fill the sink instead of letting the water run when washing dishes.
5. Keep a jug of cool water in the fridge instead of running the tap.
6. Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.
7. Invest in modern, energy and water efficient appliances (example: new front-load washing machines that use about 50% less water than older top-load units).

Outdoor

1. Water your lawn no more than necessary. Also, keeping your grass a bit taller (5 to 7 cm) helps shade the soil and allows better moisture retention.
2. If allowed, water sparingly in the morning or evening to reduce evaporation.
3. Collect and reuse water for outdoor plant use.
4. Clean outside with a broom instead of a hose.
5. Check for leaks in outdoor pipes, faucets, and hoses.
6. Plant drought tolerant vegetation and add mulch to help reduce evaporation and keep more moisture in your soil.
7. Use a water-saving pool filter.

