

Water Conservation Tips for Spring/Summer

Water use can jump by almost 50% or more due to outdoor watering activities.

Watering Tips:

A healthy lawn only needs 1 inch (2.5 cm), including rain, over a 1 week period.

Use your sprinkler's sparingly

If you lay a frisbee upside down within the range of your sprinkler and time how long it takes to fill up, that is how long you should run your sprinkler over the week, if there is no rain. Soil can only absorb so much water so running your irrigation in several smaller time periods throughout the week is recommended.

Water in the morning

Avoid watering at the hottest part of the day, between 11 am – 3 pm. The water won't evaporate as quickly and better chances of you not forgetting to turn off the sprinklers.

Check the aim of your sprinklers.

This will prevent you from watering the driveways and sidewalks.

Have a rain barrel

Lawn Mowing Tips:

Keep your grass 3 inches long

This allows longer roots to develop which in turn holds the moisture in better. This also helps choke out weeds.

Leave grass clipping on your lawn if you can

Increases organic matter, discourages weeds and retains moisture.

Aerating

Allows air, water & fertilizer to reach the roots.

Other Lawn & gardening Tips:

Limit Lawns

Replace your grass with low water-use plants & ground covers. Less water & less maintenance.

Group plants & grade beds

Try to group together all the plants that have the same watering needs. Grading will help direct water to the plants that have the highest water needs.

Use mulch

Wood chips, bark & stone will help reduce evaporation from the soil. It also helps prevent weed growth and minimize loss of soil.

Chemical, be careful

Rainwater carries pesticides and fertilizers from our lawns into the storm sewers. This is a chemical cocktail our river can do without.

Prepare for winter

Before the temperature drops, drain your hoses, empty your rain barrel, and store them away to prevent cracking and freezing.

Note: All this information will also be available on our website www.blazerwatersystemsltd.ca