



DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER

NOTICE OF 2016 WATER REGULATIONS & CONSERVATION MEASURES

EFFECTIVE PERIOD – Watering regulations will be in effect from May 15th to September 30th, 2016.

WATERING HOURS – (ODD/EVEN NUMBER SYSTEM) – Limit watering activity to odd or even numbered days depending on where you live in the community as follows:

- The properties with **even house numbers** are allowed to water on **even numbered days** (e.g. July 2, 4, 6, etc)
- The properties with **odd house numbers** are allowed to water on **odd numbered days** (e.g. July 1, 3, 5, etc).

WATERING HOURS – Watering hours are between 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Watering is **not** allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Watering between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. is restricted to automatic systems controlled by a timer and must comply with the following:

- Properties with even numbered houses are allowed to water on even numbered days; and
- Properties with odd numbered houses are allowed to water on odd numbered days.
- Owners with automated sprinkler systems, must register (annually) at the District office for permission to water between 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m.
- Residents with new lawns must register with the District Office for permission to water daily until the new lawn grows long enough to be cut. After the first cut the resident must revert to regular sprinkling regulations.

OTHER WATER USES – All hoses used outdoors should be equipped with a working spring-loaded shut-off device. Hand watering of plants and hand washing of vehicles used with a spring loaded shut off nozzle or a hand held container is permitted at any time.

WATER CONSERVATION – Water customers are encouraged to practice water conservation and some tips are as follows:

- Use a broom, rather than a hose to clean driveways and walkways.
- Consider plants species that require less water and don't over water your lawn.
- Ensure sprinklers are set so that only lawn and gardens are being watered not the roadway.
- Consider using timed sprinklers – can be purchased at the local hardware stores.

As a property owner you are responsible to ensure that these regulations are respected by all occupants of the house.



WATER CONSERVATION

WATER TECHNIQUES

Most lawns require supplementary water at one time or another. The frequency and amount of water needed depends on a number of factors including soil type. Properly constructed lawns require less frequent watering than those with poor or insufficient topsoil.

When watering, apply sufficient water to wet the soil to a depth of at least 15cm. Depending on soil type this requires at least 2cm of water or at least one hour of irrigation with a good sprinkler. Light frequent sprinkling encourages shallow rooting and reduces tolerance for heat and drought. Excess water is also undesirable. It promotes succulent growth, which is more subject to damage by heat and disease. The amount of water delivered by a sprinkler can be determined by setting out open cans within the sprinkler pattern, then measuring the depth of water collected in the cans after a measured period of time.

Water should not be applied on a predetermined schedule but only as needed, when the first signs of water stress are detectable. When water is in short supply the grass begins to turn slightly blue and footprints persist when you walk on the lawn. It loses turgidity and does not bounce back.

If water is in short supply and the grass is allowed to go dormant, do not water to restore growth unless the water supply can continue in adequate amounts. Once new growth occurs it will suffer serious injury if allowed to dry out again.

Lawns need only an inch of water a week to stay green, regardless of whether it comes from the sprinkler or the sky. Raise the cutting height on your mower too; the longer turf shades the roots and crowds out the weeds.

Water is life.

Please conserve.

