

When to Water

The best time of day to water your lawn is in the early morning, as less water will evaporate, increasing the amount of water that the plants will receive.

Avoid watering in the middle of the day when evaporation rates are highest, on windy days as the wind may redirect the water away from the desired areas and in the evening as the grass stays wet all night, thus increasing the risk of disease.

The key to successful lawn watering is to water slowly, deeply and infrequently. Complete drying between watering will eliminate many lawn and garden disease problems. Frequent, light watering promotes shallow roots, weed germination and plants that are unable to tolerate dry periods.

It is the best to water established lawns at the rate of one inch per week, applied at one time. By limiting the watering to once a week you will promote deep root development. When run-off occurs while watering your lawn and garden in sloped areas, shut off the water and allow the water to be absorbed into the ground. Repeat this process as necessary until sufficient water has been applied to your lawn.



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Town of Saugeen Shores
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(519) 832-2008

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assist you with a concern, or
help you find the right person.



Using a Rain Gauge

Rain gauges are very simple to use. Most forms of rain gauges have a spike or a pointed end which is pushed into the ground and a measured container for collecting water.

Not only are they great for measuring natural precipitation, they are also a great way to measure the volume of water applied while watering.

By placing a rain gauge in the area of your lawn or garden that you are watering you can determine how much you have watered and stop when the appropriate amount has been reached. Ideally, most lawns require only one inch of water per week.

Sandpoint & Private Wells

Watering restrictions will not apply to persons connected to private water systems such as sandpoints or private wells.

Any residence serviced by the Municipal water system that installs a sandpoint, shall complete an application and pay the fees as set out in By-law 89-2001. Prior to issuance of a "Lawn Watered By Sandpoint/Well" sign, the applicant is to make arrangements at the Public Works office to have an inspection of the sandpoint plumbing to verify that a cross connection to the municipal supply has not occurred. The "Lawn Watered By Sandpoint/Well" sign must be displayed in a location that is clearly visible from the street.

WaterWorks By-law 89-2001

The Town of Saugeen Shores By-law 89-2001 restricts the days when residents can water their lawns, See... "Is Your House Number even or odd?"

- First offense receive a warning letter,
- Second offense receive a \$100.00 fine
- Third offense receive a summons to appear in court. In the case where it is deemed an absolute necessity, the Director of Public Works may order all usage of water from a lawn tap or garden hose outlet connected to the Town of Saugeen Shores waterworks system to cease, and order a total watering ban.

Note: Hand watering using a jug or watering can is permitted.

Watering Days

Is Your House Number Even or Odd?

During the heat of the summer months it is necessary to reduce the water used outside the home. The greatest consumption is usually from lawn watering. The Town of Saugeen Shores By-law 89-2001 restricts the days residents can water their lawns.

ODD numbered municipal street addresses may use water from a lawn tap or garden hose outlet on **ODD** numbered calendar days of the year between the hours

**7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
and between the hours of
7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**

EVEN numbered municipal street addresses may use water from a lawn tap or garden hose outlet on **EVEN** numbered calendar days of the year between the hours

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Lawn Watering Permit

For residents with new lawns that require daily watering, a "Lawn Watering Permit" can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department. New lawns are those that have been sodded, seeded or lawns that have received hydroseed.