

## Where our drinking water comes from

Our drinking water comes from Coal Lake (northeast of Wetaskiwin), which is part of the Battle River Watershed.

## Why we need to conserve water

With climate change becoming more apparent, our water usage in the summer months has steadily increased over time. This puts a strain on our water supply and water treatment plant. Water restrictions ensure we have enough treated drinking water for everyone during the dry summer months and help the water treatment plant operate at a consistent level.

## What you can do to be water-wise

### **Minimize your use of treated drinking water.**

Water use doubles in the summer due to lawn and garden irrigation. Minimizing your outdoor water use is the single biggest thing you can do in the summer to save our treated drinking water for where it's needed most: drinking, cooking, and cleaning.

### **Taking action to keep our waterways healthy and clean.**

Whatever goes down the storm drain directly affects water quality. Help protect our waterways by ensuring that toxic chemicals and litter don't go down the drain at home or in the storm sewer.

## Water conservation

Demand for water is increasing, and sustainability initiatives need to keep pace. Water is essential for life, and we need to save treated water for human consumption.

Some **positive** effects of water conservation include:

- Lowering your water bill (less consumption).
- Reducing repairs required on water infrastructure.
- Reducing costs to treat water (less chemicals and energy).
- Reducing the amount of water we need to remove from Coal Lake.

## Additional information

Visit [www.wetaskiwin.ca](http://www.wetaskiwin.ca) or call us at 780.361.4453. You can also email questions to [utilities@wetaskiwin.ca](mailto:utilities@wetaskiwin.ca).



## **Wetaskiwin Drinking Water Conservation Plan**

Water Restrictions Explained

## Lawn Watering

### Residential lawn watering

#### Stage 1: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can water: Wednesdays & Saturdays between 4 am - 9 am

Odd-numbered addresses can water: Thursdays & Sundays between 4 am - 9 am

#### Stage 2: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can water: Wednesdays & Saturdays for 2 hours only between 4 am - 9 am

Odd-numbered addresses can water: Thursdays & Sundays for 2 hours only between 4 am - 9 am

#### Stage 3: Prohibited

No lawn watering allowed



#### Stage 4: Prohibited

No lawn watering allowed

### Non-residential lawn watering

#### Stage 1: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can water: Mondays & Thursdays between 1 am - 6 am

Odd-numbered addresses can water: Tuesdays & Fridays between 1 am - 6 am

#### Stage 2: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can water: Mondays & Thursdays for 2 hours only between 1 am - 6 am

Odd-numbered addresses can water: Tuesdays & Fridays for 2 hours only between 1 am - 6 am

#### Stage 3: Prohibited

No lawn watering allowed



#### Stage 4: Prohibited

No lawn watering allowed

## Fines & Permits

Water restrictions are set by the City of Wetaskiwin and apply to the use of treated drinking water as per the Waterworks Bylaw.

If you water outside of allowed times, your first violation will be a verbal and written warning, your second violation will be a \$250.00 fine, your third violation will be a \$500.00 fine and your fourth violation will be \$1,000.00 fine as per the Bylaw.

Residents and Businesses can apply to the City for a water exemption permit when trying to establish a new lawn or for treating for pest infestation. The exemption application is free, but you must be on hand to prove compliance with the Bylaw. Residents and Businesses are encouraged to minimize the use of treated drinking water by using rain barrels or creating water wise landscaping choices.

## Other Residential Water Use

### Shrubs, Plants, Trees

#### Stage 1: Restricted

Both residential and non-residential can water any day of the week only between 4 am - 9 am & 8 pm - 11 pm  
Allowed any time: Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle

#### Stage 2: Restricted

Both residential and non-residential can water any day of the week only between 4 am - 9 am & 8 pm - 11 pm  
Allowed any time: Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle

#### Stage 3: Prohibited

Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle ONLY



#### Stage 4: Prohibited

Hand watering ONLY

### Vegetable Gardens

#### Stage 1:

No Restriction

Water any time

#### Stage 2:

No Restriction

Water any time

#### Stage 3:

No Restriction

Water any time

#### Stage 4:

Prohibited

No watering allowed

### Car, Boat & House Washing

#### Stage 1: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can wash: Wednesdays & Saturdays

Odd-numbered addresses can wash: Thursdays & Sundays.  
Allowed any time: Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle

#### Stage 2: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can wash: Wednesdays & Saturdays

Odd-numbered addresses can wash: Thursdays & Sundays  
Allowed any time: Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle

#### Stage 3: Prohibited

Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle ONLY



#### Stage 4: Prohibited

For safety only (windows, mirrors, and license plates)

### Surface & Power Washing

#### Stage 1: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can wash: Wednesdays & Saturdays

Odd-numbered addresses can wash: Thursdays & Sundays  
Allowed any time: Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle

#### Stage 2: Restricted

Even-numbered addresses can wash: Wednesdays & Saturdays

Odd-numbered addresses can wash: Thursdays & Sundays  
Allowed any time: Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle

#### Stage 3: Prohibited

Spring-loaded shut-off nozzle ONLY



#### Stage 4: Prohibited

No washing unless approved by City administration