

## Water is a precious resource...

Growing demands and dry weather patterns are squeezing our water resources, causing natural habitat degradation and impacting our everyday use of water.

We have no choice but to pay more attention to how we are using water and how we may be wasting it.

We must bridge the gap between our understanding of how important water is to our survival and what we can do to ensure that we have an adequate supply of clean water for years to come.

This brochure lists many simple ways we can take action and conserve water, both inside and outside our homes.

The Town of Carstairs is asking you to make a habit of water conservation. Not only does water conservation save water and wildlife habitats, it can also save you money!

### Water Meter Check

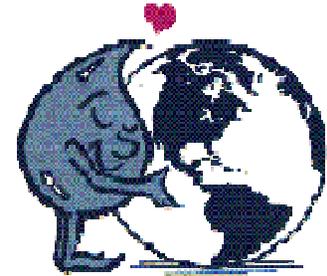
Check your red dial on your water meter. If there is no water running in your house and the dial is moving ...you have a water leak!

Check your toilets, faucets and outside taps to determine where the leak is.



### *Be Water Wise...*

Water is a resource that we take for granted. Every drop we consume needs energy and resources to keep it flowing and safe for our use. To avoid access use reduces the Enviromental impact.



## CARSTAIRS WATER CONSERVATION



## Town of Carstairs

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## Reduce, Repair & Retrofit



**A tap that drips once per second can waste 10,000 gallons of water per year!**

**REDUCE:** by making small changes to water use habits, you can significantly reduce the amount of water you use and the energy to heat it.

**RETROFIT:** adapt or replace older, less efficient appliances and fixtures with one of the many water saving models now available.

### In the Bathroom

Fix all leaky faucets and toilets

✓ Replace traditional fixtures with water conserving fixtures wherever possible.

## Tips...



- Turn off taps when brushing teeth and save 4 gallons per minute
- Use a hose nozzle when washing your car
- Use a broom instead of hose to clean your driveway
- Drop tissues in the trash instead of flushing them
- Check for leaks on all faucets even outdoor ones
- Water your lawn once a week not every day
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank if there is a leak it will go into your toilet bowl
- Run fully loaded dishwashers or adjust water level
- Use Rain Barrels for plant and yard watering
- Use low flow shower heads
- Use Low or Dual Flush Toilets
- Try to take a two minute shower
- If possible reuse grey water
- Monitor your water bill each month for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that will help you discover leaks.
- Collect water you use for washing fruits and vegetables and use on your house plants
- Use drip irrigation for shrubs and trees
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting water run while scrubbing
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water
- Avoid recreational water toys that require constant water running
- If your dishwasher is new cut back on your rinse time as they are more energy efficient than your old one.
- When your kids want to run through the sprinkler run it on lawn that is in need of water
- Water your lawn in early morning or later evening
- Use water left over from steamed vegetables...add to soups
- Apply water only as fast as the soil absorbs
- When staying in a hotel consider reusing your towels
- Consult your local nursery for information on plant selection and placement for optimum water consumption



## Rain Barrel

### Collecting Rain Water...

Collect water in a barrel or other large container that is outfitted with a spigot and a suitable cover, and use the water on your garden.

Use this water as an alternative to turning on the hose for newly transplanted material, window boxes, flower pots and container gardens.

Rain water is actually better for your plants as it does not contain any chlorine and is at the perfect temperature. Keep your rain barrel covered to prevent mosquitoes breeding and for safety reasons.

**SHARE WATER SAVING TIPS  
WITH FRIENDS**