

Our water resources are being stressed by increasing demands and dry weather patterns causing natural habitat degradation and impacting our everyday use of water.

We have no choice but to pay closer attention to how we use and potentially waste our water. Bridging the gap between understanding how critical water is to our survival and what we can do to ensure an adequate supply of clean water for future generations.

This brochure outlines a variety of simple actions we can take to conserve water both inside and outside our homes.

# WATER, A PRECIOUS RESOURCE

The Town of Carstairs is asking you to make water conservation a habit.

Water conservation not only saves water and wildlife habitats, but it can also save you money!

## 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 for our use.



## WATER METER CHECK



- Check your monthly water bill for signs of unusually high usage.
- Your bill and water meter are valuable tools to help discover any leaks.
- Check your red dial on your water meter. If there is no water running and the dial is moving, you have a leak.
- Check toilets, faucets and outside taps to determine the cause.

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# WATER CONSERVATION



## CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

# DID YOU KNOW A TAP THAT DRIPS ONCE PER SECOND CAN WASTE 10,000 GALLONS PER YEAR?!



## REDUCE

make changes to your water use habits, significantly reducing the amount of water you use and the energy needed to heat it.

## REPAIR

fix all leaky faucets and toilets

## RETROFIT

adapt or replace older, inefficient appliances and fixtures with one of the many water-saving models now on the market.

## WATER SAVING TIPS:

- Turn off taps while brushing teeth
- Use a hose nozzle when washing your car, or go to a commercial car wash that recycles water
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway
- Put tissues in the trash rather than the toilet
- 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
- Reduce shower time and Use low flow shower heads
- Collect water you use for washing fruits and vegetables to water your house plants
- Soak pots and pans instead of running water while you scrub
- Avoid water toys that require constant running water
- When your kids want to run through the sprinkler run it on the lawn that needs water
- Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening and apply water only as fast as the soil absorbs
- Consult your local nursery for information on plant selection and placement for optimum water consumption

## RAIN BARREL COLLECTION

Collect water in a barrel with a spigot and a suitable cover, use it to water your garden.

*Cover your rain barrel to prevent mosquito breeding, debris and for safety.*

### MULTIPLE PURPOSES:

- FOR NEWLY TRANSPLANTED PLANT MATERIAL
- WINDOW BOXES
- FLOWER POTS
- CONTAINER GARDENS

*Rainwater is actually better for your plants because it contains no chlorine and is the ideal temperature.*

