

These advices are not in the Bylaw; however, they help cut down on the amount of drinkable water used at home.

### Did you know?

By watering deeply, you can water less often.

### Suggestions

#### Rain barrel

Collect rainwater in a barrel: You will help reduce the amount of rainwater that otherwise just goes down the drain.

#### The right plant in the right place

Take the type of soil into account as well as the amount of sunshine your plants need. A plant requiring cool, damp soil, but located in a dry area, will need more watering. And the opposite holds true as well: For those plants that thrive on dry soil in a dry environment, you won't have to water as much.

#### Car

Washing your car by hosing it down can waste up to 400 litres of water. By using a pistol grip nozzle, a pail and a sponge, you can save 300 litres of water.

#### Pool

Place a cover over your pool to reduce evaporation.

#### Roof

If you have a sloping roof, disconnect your gutters from the sewer system. Redirect the rainwater to a surface that the water can penetrate—a vegetable garden, for example—while making sure that you direct the water flow at least 1.5 metres away from the building, to prevent seepage into the foundations.

#### Certified products

Keep an eye out for WaterSense certification (toilets, showerheads, faucets and aerators) that help you save water.

For the City's 19 boroughs

# BYLAW ON WATER USE

**THIS LEAFLET SUMMARIZES  
CERTAIN STIPULATIONS OF THE NEW  
BYLAW. FOR FULL DETAILS, PLEASE  
REFER TO THE OFFICIAL TEXT.**

Additional information may be obtained  
by phoning 311 or by visiting Ville de  
Montréal's *Service de l'eau* website at:

[ville.montreal.qc.ca/eaudemontreal](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/eaudemontreal)



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# NEW BYLAW ON THE USE OF DRINKABLE WATER

Bylaw 13-023 has been in force since June 20, 2013.

Every moment, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, 6 water filtration plants have to supply drinkable water to nearly 2 million people and several thousand businesses, while making sure the whole island of Montréal is fire safe.

**To maintain our ability to offer quality water to everyone at all times, and at the lowest possible cost, let's use drinkable water responsibly.**

## HERE ARE THE NEW RULES

### FOR WATERING

#### WITH A PORTABLE LAWN SPRINKLER OR A SOAKER HOSE

- Lawns at **even-numbered addresses** may be watered on **even-numbered dates**, and at **odd-numbered addresses** on **odd-numbered dates**.
- Evenings, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m., if it doesn't rain

#### WITH AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM

- Must be equipped with a rain sensor
- Lawns at **even-numbered addresses** may be watered on **even-numbered dates**, and at **odd-numbered addresses** on **odd-numbered dates**.
- Must be programmed to run between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

#### BY HAND

- Plants may be watered by hand at any time if it isn't raining

### FOR USING A HOSE OR EQUIPMENT CONNECTED TO THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

- It is prohibited to fill a pool between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. However, between April 1 and May 15, you are allowed to do so at any time.
- Washing paved surfaces (asphalt, for example), patios and outside walls is prohibited, except during construction and landscaping work or as a health measure. However, between April 1 and May 15, you are allowed to do so at any time.
- It is prohibited to let water trickle onto the road or onto neighbours' properties.
- All decorative ponds with waterfalls, water fountains or water jets must have a water recycling system.
- Air cooling and refrigeration units operating on water and with no water recycling system are prohibited. Existing units may be used until 2018.

