



## Information on Outside Water Use Restrictions Under By-law Number 81/2007

These are the main outside watering restrictions for Levels 0-3 for properties supplied by a municipal water system under By-law 81/2007.

### Level 0 & Level 1 - Alternate Day with Time Restrictions

- ≈ You may water the lawn or garden and/or wash a vehicle located at an even numbered municipal address on even numbered calendar days between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.
- ≈ You may water the lawn or garden and/or wash a vehicle located at an odd numbered municipal address on odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.

### Level 2 - Reduce and Stop Non-Essential Uses

#### Lawn Watering

- ≈ If your municipal address ends in 0 or 1, you may water the lawn on Tuesdays between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.
- ≈ If your municipal address ends in 2 or 3, you may water the lawn on Wednesdays between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.
- ≈ If your municipal address ends in 4 or 5, you may water the lawn on Thursdays between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.
- ≈ If your municipal address ends in 6 or 7, you may water the lawn on Fridays between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.
- ≈ If your municipal address ends in 8 or 9, you may water the lawn on Saturdays between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.

#### Garden Watering

- ≈ If your municipal address is even numbered, you may water the garden on even numbered calendar days between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.
- ≈ If your municipal address is odd numbered, you may water the garden on odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am and 7:00pm - 9:00 pm.

*\* Please note that the washing of vehicles is not permitted under Level 2 \**

## Level 3 - Further Reduce and Stop Non-Essential Uses

Outside water use is **not** permitted during a level 3. This includes watering the lawn or garden, washing vehicles, using sprinklers or filling swimming pools, hot tubs, ponds and fountains.

### No Wasting of Municipal Water

While watering your lawn, during levels 0-2, you are not permitted to direct water onto a paved surface including driveways, pathways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, or roadways.

Lawns typically need 1 inch (2.5 cm) of water per week. Set an empty container or rain gauge near the sprinkler to measure the amount of water used. Stop watering when the container is one inch full. Lawns can only absorb water as quickly as the soil allows. It's better to water your lawn for three 10-minute sessions, with each session a half-hour apart, rather than to water steadily for 30 minutes and cause run-off. Use a kitchen timer as a reminder to turn sprinklers off.

### New Lawn Permit

A new lawn permit can be obtained from the Public Works Department at the Township Office during Levels 0 and 1 only and will be valid for 30 days. A \$20.00 administration fee will apply. The following is the procedure stated in By-law 81/2007 for watering a new law:

Water without time restrictions ⇔ Day 1 "Effective Date"

Water between the hours of 7:00 am-9:00 am & 7:00pm-9:00 pm ⇔ Days 2-10, 13, 16, 19, 24 & 29

\*Please be advised that a new lawn means any seeded or sodded lawn or boulevard up to and including thirty days after the installation or seeding. \*

### Enforcement

These restrictions will be enforced by the Manager of Public Works and the Township By-Law Enforcement Officer. You can view the By-law in its entirety along with the set fines for offences on our website at [www.get.on.ca](http://www.get.on.ca) or request a copy from the Township Office.

### Coping with Drought Workshops

Two workshops have been scheduled through GIRC for the spring of 2008 and will be available to residents of Guelph/Eramosa Township free of charge. The dates are as follows:

**"Coping with Drought" - Part One** - June 5/08, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm @ Rockmosa Community Center, 74 Christie St., Rockwood

**"Coping with Drought" - Part Two** - June 12/08, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm @ Marden Community Center, 7366 Wellington Rd. 30, Guelph

You **must** pre-register with Vicki Hafner for these workshops, preferably by email at [vhafner@get.on.ca](mailto:vhafner@get.on.ca) or by phone at 519-856-9596 Ext. 113.

### Further Information

For further information on the Township's outside water use restrictions, please email Loretta Vince at [lvince@get.on.ca](mailto:lvince@get.on.ca) or phone at 519-856-9596 Ext. 120.