

Sensible cleaning

Washing your car with a bucket and sponge rather than a hose can save up to 300 litres of water!

Save with certified products

Opt for certified WaterSense plumbing fixtures (toilets, shower heads, faucets and aerators). They are efficient and effective! Also reduce your water and energy consumption with certified Energy Star appliances (dishwasher and washing machine). They will allow you to save on hot water and reduce your energy costs.

Water, a natural, yet limited resource

Climate change is an added challenge in the sustainable management and maintenance of the water supply system. It weakens our ecosystems and compromises our living environments.

Every day, Montréal supplies drinking water to more than two million people, thousands of businesses, and an entire fire safety network.

To preserve this resource, the community as a whole must commit to using it responsibly.

By-law in effect

Since June 2013, By-law 13-023 has regulated the use of drinking water in the city's area.

For more information, call 311 or visit montreal.ca/en/water



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Together, let's protect our water



Watering adequately and at the right time

Portable lawn sprinkler or soaker hose

- Lawns at even-numbered addresses can be watered on even-numbered dates, while homes at odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered dates.
- Watering is permitted only between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the evening, if it doesn't rain.

Automatic sprinkler system

- Lawns at even-numbered addresses can be watered on even-numbered dates, while homes at odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered dates.
- The system must be equipped with a moisture sensor.
- It must be programmed to run between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., if it's not raining.

Hand watering

- If it doesn't rain, plants may be watered by hand at any time.
- The hose must have an auto shut-off nozzle.

Permitted and prohibited uses

- It is prohibited to fill a pool between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., except between April 1 and May 15.
- Washing paved surfaces, patios and outside walls is prohibited, except during construction or landscaping, or as a health measure. However, it is permitted between April 1 and May 15.
- It is prohibited to let water run onto the road or onto neighbouring properties when watering.
- It is prohibited to let water run continuously or to use water pressure or flow as a source of energy.
- All decorative ponds with a waterfall, water fountain or jets must have a water recycling system.
- Since January 1, 2018, the use of air conditioning or refrigeration equipment using drinking water without a water recycling system has been prohibited in the residential (13-023) and non-residential sector (RCG 13-011).

Simple steps to take in daily life

Adopting good water management habits contributes to a successful green transition.

Water leaks: look into them!

A simple drip leak from a faucet can account for up to 60 litres of wasted water per day. Fixing leaks is an easy way to reduce water consumption.

Smart gardening

Collect rainwater in a barrel to water your plants and adapt your landscaping projects by choosing plants suitable for the soil and sunlight conditions.

Gutters that drain in the right place

If you have a pitched roof, disconnect your gutters from the sewer system and redirect rainwater into a water barrel or to a permeable surface (lawn, flowerbed), making sure to direct it at least 1.5 metres from the building to prevent infiltration into the foundation. This will help avoid clogging up the sewer system and reduce overflows of untreated wastewater into watercourses.